

R & D Development Program - contd.

It was reported that the patent situation on the Paselle trap is being reviewed.

R & D also proposed to endurance test the Leggett trap. A photograph of this trap was shown to the Committee. It would be difficult to redesign this trap so that the appearance would be acceptable.

The trap designs of the Rossini and Winchester were also discussed.

Assuming the program for the Paselle design is satisfactory, R & D has established target dates.

Start design	June 1, 1969
Preliminary design complete	October 1, 1969
Model ready for test	January 1, 1970
Production for announcement	July 1, 1970

When the design is completed, economics and production schedule will be reviewed.

Production

The Iliion plant is continuing the production of the Expert, Blue Rock and the Wonder Trap (manual, basic electric, DC outfit and AC outfit). Based on the 1968 factory costs, the Expert and Blue Rock were about a break-even. There was a loss on all the Wonder Traps. The costs do not include their portion of the \$14,060 gratis charges, \$10,368 R & D charges for model drawings, manuals and parts lists, or \$1550 cost of move from Findlay not absorbed in 1967.

Marketing stated that prices in 1969 had been increased 10% which would increase the sales value.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The regular meeting of the Firearms - Traps Operations Committee is scheduled at Iliion Wednesday, May 21, 1969 at 11:00 a.m.

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Attachment - Exhibit 1

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