

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 870-1100 LEFT HAND SHOTGUNS
(Introduction 1971)

Production reported that for the Model 870, 12 gauge left hand shotgun, pilot plain Barrels and Breech Bolts should be completed so that Process Engineering can assemble guns for pre-pilot testing by the end of August. All other parts have been completed.

The Receivers can be used only for pilot assembly and test since there will be a new roll marking. The marking will be omitted from the pilot Barrels.

Rearrangement of the Barrel area to fit in the new machines required for the Model 1100, 12 gauge left hand Barrel should be completed so that pilot operations can start the week of July 27. It is indicated that other parts can be completed to assemble pilot guns in September. Marking will be omitted from the Barrel and Receiver. 83

For the left hand Model 870, the production of Barrels through the chambering machine should be increased the last quarter of 1970. After chamber there are new machines for subsequent operations. Machined Plain Barrels would feed back for finishing operations. The capacity for Vent. Rib Barrels will be increased when the machines, the last of which are due in September, are in operation.

For the production of Model 1100 left hand Barrels, approximately 50% of the machines used to machine the right hand Barrel after chambering have to be changed over to produce left hand Barrels. The Plant estimates that for the balance of 1970 and first part of 1971, five thousand (5000) more right hand Barrels could be produced if the left hand production was delayed. The increase in total shotgun Barrel production has been set back due primarily to the fifth GFM problems. An additional five thousand (5000) guns would produce approximately \$450,000 gun sales or if the Barrels are used for part sales, \$190,000.

The proposal to delay announcement of the Model 1100, 12 and 20 gauge left hand shotguns until 1972 was discussed.