### FIREARMS

#### WOOD PRESS FORMING

# MODEL 870, 12-16-20 GAUGE FORE-ENDS

R & D reported that the scope of the present project to press form Model 870 Fore-ends has been accomplished. The next step is to complete the auxiliary equipment for forming the end contours and also a machine for the finished dimensions of the top radii of the Fore-end blank. Changes are also required to the Onsrud machine to produce the required dimensions on the Fore-end blank. The project for this work has been prepared but it is being held until more experience is gained in press forming Fore-ends in the existing dies.

## MODEL 742-760 CENTER FIRE RIFLE STOCK

Production reported that checkering on one side of the press form dies for Model 742-750 Stocks was recutive further reduce overall depth and tearing along the border. The checkering is significantly improved. Samples were shown at the meeting and will be reviewed in detail with Marketing. If the Stock is acceptable, it is recommended that limited press form production start in January, 1972 while gradually phasing out sanded Stock production.

## Committee Action:

The Operations Committee accepted the recommendation to start limited press form production of Model 742-760 Stocks while gradually phasing out sanded Stock production depending upon final acceptance of the Stock by Marketing.

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