

SHOTGUNS - contd.THE 3200 SHOTGUN - contd.

R & D reported that Barrels for iron shot testing will be completed in about two weeks. This testing will be done on Model 870 Barrels. A more gradual choke and Barrels with the choke area hardened will be tested. Test work will be done on Barrels to the minimum wall specification for The 3200 Shotgun.

Since today, October 19, is the day for decision on introducing this gun in 1973, the Chairman asked if anyone had any hesitancy about going ahead with the announcement. R & D reported that nothing serious has shown up in the pre-pilot testing. Production reported that the goal is to start design confirmation testing November 1. The only component that is not completed at this point is the Stock which lacks checkering. No one suggested that the gun should not be introduced as scheduled. 83

The Chairman questioned the hard opening of one gun which was recently in Bridgeport. Corrections are being made to the fit of the Mono-Block and Frame at the water table. This will minimize hard opening. A stop can be added if necessary, however, R & D would prefer to leave the design as it is since this provides automatic takeup as the gun wears in use. It is believed that the hard unlocking can be controlled satisfactorily.

Marketing indicated they believed that the sales forecast is sound. Formal introduction of this gun will be November 15, 1972.

It is believed that Ruger will be field testing his over and under shotgun this fall. This gun is not a Top Lock design. There is no information available regarding introduction date of this gun.

MODEL 1100, 410 GAUGE 3" CHAMBER SHOTGUN

Production reported that components have been ordered for the Model 1100, 410 gauge shotgun revised Action Bar Assembly. It is expected that these parts will be available for gun assembly starting December.