

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 742X RIFLE - AUTOLOADING CENTER FIRE - contd.

Marketing presented a statement on overall strategy - Exhibit 2. Mid-1976 introduction is desirable. However, as part of the Study Group, Marketing agrees with the recommendation. As to replacing the Model 742, no other alternative designs are available.

There was discussion and speculation about the features of the new Winchester autoloading shotgun. This led to the question of what happens to the Model 1100X in this 742X magnum program. Spending on development of the shotgun is continuing.

The Study Group recommends continuing development of the shotgun. This will permit maximum interchangeability to be developed in the family of guns. Results of the Model 742X will guide introduction of the Model 1100X.

Other models in the proposed family (760X, 1100X and 870X) are to be reviewed by the Study Group. It was suggested that a status report be made to the Operations Committee in about two months.

In the discussions before and after the Study Group presentation, the question without a definitive answer is: What will replace the Model 742?

Committee Action:

The Operations Committee accepted the Study Group recommendation to delay introduction of the Model 742X magnum rifle until early or mid-1977. A project for this rifle is to be submitted no later than October, 1974.

MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION CENTER FIRE RIFLE - IMPROVEMENTS
(Introduction 1974)

Production reported that design confirmation testing of Model 700 improved rifles has started.