FIREARMS

WOOD PRESS FORMING

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

Production reported that it is expected dies for press forming Model 870 Fore-ends will be chrome plated by May 1. Three hundred Fore-ends are in process to be completed before plating.

About half of the press forming capacity can be supplied with wood to adequate tolerances from the Richardson process machine. To obtain additional machining capacity will require revision to the Remington process machine or delivery of the new Remington machine late this year. Progress in the next few weeks will determine which course is to be taken.

SHOTGUNS

MODEL 1100, 20 GAUGE LIGHTWEIGHT SHOTGUN

R & D reported one improved prototype Model 1100, 20 gauge lightweight shotgun was test fired 9,300 rounds that the Locking Block failed safe. The Locking Block had a previous 14,000 rounds for a total of 23,300 rounds. This design is being evaluated. Three more prototype guns are available for testing.

January, 1976 introduction is shown on the schedule - Exhibit 1.

MODEL 3200 SHOTGON AND FREMLER TRAP SHOTGUN (Introduction 1973)

Assembly will improve the conditions to the Model 3200 Frame Assembly will improve the conditions of poor Trigger pull, stress marked Bottom Tang and broken Top Tang. Three prototype guns have been tested with 90% of the firing being 3" magnum loads in the Top Barrel. The guns were fired 25,900, 15,000 and 30,000 rounds with the following results: