

MATERIALS SUPPLYWOOD

Production reported that short Stock and Fore-end blanks of sycamore wood have been ordered for delivery starting in July. Availability of birch will be known by April 30. Samples were reviewed with Marketing and it was agreed that sycamore or birch could be used on Models 552, 572 and Mohawk-48. The Stock and Fore-end are to be the same wood on the assembled gun.

Catalog changes will be required for models which will use wood other than the walnut now specified.

Marketing needs samples of the Mohawk-48 with the alternate wood to show to customer.

Marketing requested samples of oil finished sycamore Stocks and Fore-ends for riot guns.

Production expects a continuing shortage of short Stocks and Fore-ends. In addition, for the short term, supply of long Stocks will be even tighter. The Model 600 blank is a by-product since all possible Model 700 blanks are cut first. It is necessary to use an alternate wood on Model 700 ADL Stocks to meet production schedules. Samples are being made of sycamore for review with Marketing.

Production is to provide the Chairman with all purchasing specifications and data needed to assist in determining the availability of Imbuia wood from Brazil.

STEEL

Supply of cold rolled steel bars, rectangular, is causing some problems. There are no Mohawk-48 Barrel Extensions at present. Steel was due at the vendors on April 8.