

FIREARMSWOOD PRESS FORMINGMODEL 870, 12-16-20 GAUGE FORE-ENDS

Production reported that the splitting problem discussed last month has been solved by adding lateral support to the Fore-end in the first (profile) press. Trial and pilot operation has not been resumed due to a continuing problem with die contour blend between the first and second pressing operations. Major die modifications are in progress with trial and pilot operation to resume within two months.

It was recommended that reporting be resumed in December, 1974.

Project expenditures are \$298,000 through May, 1974 versus \$338,800 authorized. It is indicated that total expenditures to completion will be about \$410,000. Of this amount, capital is \$114,000 as now authorized.

When dies are developed that work, it is expected additional dies for the same model can be made without requiring new development work.

Committee Action:

The Operations Committee directed that next report be made in October, 1974 including a full review of economics.

SHOTGUNSMODEL 3200 SHOTGUN  
(Introduction 1973)

Production reported tooling is being completed and trial and pilot operations have started for the Frame Assembly design change. Trial and pilot assembly is scheduled for completion in August followed by R & D testing of production guns.