

QUALITY REVIEW AT ILION - contd.COMPETITIVE POSITION

F. E. Morgan reported - Exhibit 23.

In discussion - Is acceptance of the Winchester Super X1 spreading? - was asked. Our best information indicates that it had been planned to produce 75,000 of these guns in 1975. At this time, it looks as if about 20,000 to 25,000 will be produced. These guns can be made. It appears that they cannot sell them at the current prices above comparable Model 1100 guns. Another piece of information indicates that the gun may be redesigned for cost reduction.

Trap shooters are accepting the Super X1.

Browning plans to import a 5-shot recoiling Barrel shotgun from Japan. It likely will sell for about \$35.00 more than Model 1100. 83

J. S. Martin reported that Model 1100 Phase III Improvement Program prototype guns will be in test in October. Phase III is a new type of Model 1100 shotgun for long endurance and goes beyond changes that can be retrofitted. These guns have the following improvements:

- . Disconnect system
- . New type Feed Latch
- . Buffering system
- . Single piece Piston
- . Revised Fire Control
- . Receiver of 4140 modified steel
- . Contoured ejection port and Barrel Extension
- . New Breech Bolt Assembly including Locking Block
- . New Slide Block
- . New Fore-end design with insert
- . New Magazine Cap
- . Screwed-in Magazine Tube

The Model 742 new generation rifles will be in test in October. This will include blowup tests which is an evaluation of the single piece Barrel Extension strength.