

CENTER FIRE RIFLESMODELS 7400, 7600, FOUR AND SIX - Contd.

A Task Force of Production and Research Personnel has been established with a threefold objective:

- (1) Establish process techniques to ensure a steady flow of good product to the warehouse with parts as currently designed;
- (2) Establish a common agreement among the vendor, Production, and Research on what a properly manufactured box is;
- (3) Pursue the design of a new magazine that promises to improve function and reduce manufacturing cost.

RIM FIRE RIFLESMODEL 552 - LONG RIFLE

Marketing reported fully supporting the development of a Model 552 chambered in .22 LR only. The gun will be announced and introduced upon meeting the management criteria for a new product. This model change will have no impact on previous quantity forecasts.

Research noted that current problems with Model 552 Rifles are not new. They are the result of a marginal design and a major redesign effort will be required to substantially improve the gun's function. Research does not feel that increasing the Locking Block mass and limiting the design to long rifle ammunition is an acceptable solution to the problem. However, a major redesign effort in rimfire rifles is contrary to key Business Strategies, as presented by Marketing. Research plans no further action unless directed to do so by the Committee.