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## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - February Meeting

Model 600 - Barrel Bracket

At the ~~July~~<sup>Sept</sup> 1964 meeting of the Operations Committee, Wayne Leek presented a model of the M/600 Magnum Carbine with a new designed barrel bracket which projected above the receiver and sighting rib. The main purpose was to provide an abutment for positive support of the long eye relief type of telescope mounts expected to be offered to the trade. This would be an improvement and was incorporated into the design of the regular grade M/600 rifles as a common part with the 350 Caliber Magnum Carbine rifles.

The Committee approved the proposal as presented. When the design was later processed, the Plant concluded that the new bracket would impose an increase in cost and at a time when effort was being made to reduce cost of this regular grade rifle to bring it into line with the project figures. In view of these considerations the R&D Manager suggested that the Plant proceed with the procurement of the new brackets in sufficient quantity to meet the more severe requirements of the Caliber 350 Magnum (which sold at a premium price), and that changeover to the regular grade Model 600's might be deferred while efforts made to reduce cost of the new bracket.

Recently a telescope and mount manufacturer (Leupold & Stevens) returned a Model 600 in Caliber 308 which they had purchased for testing with their new long eye relief type of telescope mount. Their new mount was attached to the ventilated rib studs on the barrel. Without the new style of barrel bracket to support their

mount it caused these studs to fail <sup>in</sup> and shear. W.E. Leek has now urged that there be no further delay in adding the new brackets to the regular M/600 production in order to reduce possible incidence of this problem with scope mounts expected to appear on the market. The Design Group also feels that while Remington might not be directly responsible or obligated to accommodate the scope mount problems, it can very well affect the sale of the Model 600 rifles.

R&D has therefore requested that Production expedite the changeover and report on the indicated production cost.

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