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The meeting convened at Bridgeport at 9:00 a.m.

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C "Chart XXXVI shows Category I projects, intended to put us in a more secure position with respect to product liability:

1. The Model 700 bolt lock has been redesigned to operate independently of the safety and to allow the shooter to reload his gun with the safety in the "ON" position. Production costs are being developed by Industrial Engineering and the final version is now in test.
2. ~~Three different designs of the M700 Fire Control are being considered. Two are ready for release to the Test Lab and one is still on the drawing board.~~ Upon successful completion of the Model 700, work will continue to develop similar mechanisms for all of our bolt action rifles.
3. The Model 788 safety is being redesigned to prevent accidental release of the safety lever. To do this, a more uniform detent is needed and the size of the safety button has been reduced.

A "Chart XXXVII shows a time line schedule for Category I projects.

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During the coming year, examples of improvements that will be made are:

- M/580-788 - Fire control redesign and reprocess
- M/600 - Fire control redesign Safety and Housing Side Plates
- M/788 - Improve Bolt Handle fastening

These items will be supplemented with other improvements that are devised and implemented by R & D and Production people during the year.

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FIREARMS RESEARCH DIVISION
ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

CATEGORY		ENG. MANPOWER	BUDGET 1980	ENG. MANPOWER	BUDGET 1981
I	NECESSITY	2.2	255M	2.5	335M
II	COMMITMENTS	20.5	1,980M	21.2	2,095M
III	NEW INITIATIVES				
IV	OTHER WORK				
		31.9	2,890M	36.0	3,525M

CHART XXXV

FIREARMS RESEARCH DIVISION
CATEGORY I
NECESSITY

	ENG. MANPOWER	BUDGET 1980	ENG. MANPOWER	BUDGET 1981
M700 BOLT LOCK	.7	115M	.5	75M
M700 FIRE CONTROL	1.2	120M	1.5	200M
M788 SAFETY	.3	20M	.5	60M
	2.2	255M	2.5	335M

CHART XXXVI

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