

Rank Precision Industries Ltd.,
Mitcheldean, Glos.

31st October, 1960.

HISTORY OF MODEL 914

17th February 1959.

First launching Meeting held at Mitcheldean.
Tentative Programme:-

- 2 prototypes - Feb. 1960.
- 10 pilot m/cs - June 1960.
- 5 per week July/Aug. 1960.
- 10 per week thereafter.

18th February 1959.

T.A.L. informed that programme set would not be achieved as Haloid would not release drawings before 31st May, 1959.

16th March, 1959.

Warning issued by P.W. to J.K. following meeting with T.A.L. that rate of sale would not be likely to exceed 1000 in a 3-year period.

April, 1959.

T.A.L. states initial order will probably be of 300 for delivery in one year. G.R. states that all-time potential for the world was about 2000, at a rate of 300 1st year, 400 per year afterwards for 4 years.

Mr. Mayo warned R.P.I. that many changes on drawings would take place. R.P.I. stated that we could not start buying or manufacturing until reproducible drawings were available. July, 1959 was the target date for these operations to start. G. Rosam stated his hope was that British production would start delivery September, 1960.

4th May, 1959.

Our programme established:-

March 1960.	- 2
July, 1960.	- 5
Oct., 1960.	- 4
Nov., 1960.	- 8
Dec., 1960.	- 12
Jan., 1960.	- 16 (4 per week)

July, 1959.

It was minuted that provided all information was available in one month we could adhere to the programme stated in May.

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Order received for 400. Stated that 1961 requirements would be about 250. We agreed to minimise tool costs owing to the probability of extensive re-design, and a Mk II version after first 400-500.

18th November, 1959.

Revision of control island design completed in Rochester. Paper Feed Assembly must apparently also be modified.

10th November, 1959.

G.H.R. received a report from F.W. indicating the grave difficulty which R.P.I. were having due to the number of changes in design and the Haloid procedure which did not include change orders to enable the drawings to be tied up to a specific stage of design.

February, 1960.

J. Knox, drew G.H. R.'s attention to the continued flow of revised drawings, and asked for agreement to a freezing of design. G.H.R. states that he could not agree to this, at least until after Mr. Chapman had been to Rochester and reported to R-X. J. K. replied that we felt that there was no possibility of meeting the production programme, unless design was finalised immediately.

Programme received from Rank-Xerox indicating their requirements in 1960 (23 machines plus 5, plus 2 dummies, plus 2 prototypes.)

17th March, 1960.

G.H.R. agreed to our proceeding with purchase of raw material, tools etc., but reserves the right to insist on class "A" mods. Obviously, R-X to pay cost, if they insist on such action as will obsolete parts or tools. He (G.H.R.) confirmed to Dr. Reetz of Haloid that while he had so far not agreed to release for production, this had now been done.

31st May, 1960.

G.H.R. stated to F.W. that we should cover 400 sets of bought out parts. Also proposed that production rate be built up to 30 per month by March, 1961.
40 per month by 30th June, 1961.
F.W. had informed him 20th May of our commitments to date, and stated that if they want more than 30 per month, we must know by 31/5/60.

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1st June, 1960.

F.W. Confirmed to G.H.R. that we should now
authorise 1000sets of raw material plus any necessary
long-cycle parts.

20th June, 1960.

Rank - XeroX production programme revised to :

440

up to December, 1961. No order yet given.