

Ammunition Ordered

- a. .223. For M-15. 43,500 rounds. ~~\$7,743~~ \$8,317.30  
Waiting in Denver to be picked up. This and the following made specially for us by Remington.  
b. .223. For M-15. 14,000 rounds. ~~\$2,057~~ \$2,933.70 Remington.  
~~Not yet delivered.~~ \$11,451.00

This ammunition, totalling 57,500 rounds at \$10,410, has not yet been picked up by us or paid for. If it were any kind except that used by the M-15's, I would say cancel it because of our financial situation. But since the M-15 will be our most important defensive weapon—because it can use so much ammunition—I would strongly advise to go ahead and purchase it, if necessary from the land fund on the basis of group protection.

At a certain point and in consultation with Dick and other members of the Cabinet, I decided that the purchase of live ammunition was not adequate for our purposes because the cost involved restricted our use. We have to learn how to fire and aim the guns, and this takes a minimum of 200 rounds per person per gun, the experts say. Thus we decided to begin loading our own ammunition to supplement and reuse that which we bought. The advantages are that it is cheaper; the disadvantages are that it is time consuming and a dangerous process if extreme care is not utilized. The following, then, is a list of reloading supplies and equipment which I feel will adequately meet our needs:

Reloading Supplies and Equipment Purchased

- a. 30.06 brass (unloaded shells). 45,000. ~~134.512~~ \$1,360  
b. .223 brass. 110,000. \$3,310  
c. large rifle primers. For reloading 30.06 shells. 103,000. \$811.99  
d. small rifle primers. For reloading .223 shells. 103,000. \$811.99  
e. 30.06 150 grain bullets. ~~414.525~~ 400. \$16.50  
f. .223 45 grain bullets. 800. \$21.56  
g. small pistol primers. For reloading shells or 357 magnum. 66,000. \$617.62  
h. dies. 3 pair (.223, 357 magnum, .30 Special) ~~30.00~~ \$33  
i. 12-gauge shotgun shell loader. 1. \$92.04  
j. 12-gauge Lee loaders. 12. \$87.78  
k. power piston shotshell loads. 40 bags. \$977.24  
l. 25 lb. bag shot. 4. \$28.58  
m. shotgun shell primers. 10,000. \$127.27  
n. 30.06 loader. 1. \$47.30

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