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Reference: Remington Model 700 BDL Rifle,  
Left-Hand, 30-06 Springfield,  
Serial Number B6491796

Dear Mr. Stekyl:

This will confirm our telephone conversation recently concerning the rifle listed above. The gun was purchased on August 13, 1985. During my first hunting trip with it in early November, I noted two problems with the bolt action. These were not noticed previously since I had only fired it at the range up to that time. These problems are:

1. When loaded and on safety, the bolt handle will come up. This became evident when I was carrying the gun and during normal walking activity, the bolt handle would come up most of the time if the gun was slung on my shoulder. As a result, I had to carry it in my hands nearly all the time. This, of course, defeats the purpose of having sling hardware on the gun.
2. I also discovered during dry firing the gun that if the bolt handle is partially up (say about 3/4 of the way up) and the safety is off, the rifle will fire and the handle is forced down into the slot. This is disturbing to me since the locking tabs on the bolt would only be partially engaged. If the same situation were encountered with a live cartridge in the gun, could it not result in a serious injury to the shooter? That is my opinion and as a result I no longer have the confidence in this gun that I did have when it was purchased.

Based on our telephone conversation, I understand that the above problems are inherent in the "new" 700 BDL bolt design. Apparently the change was made so the gun can be unloaded with the safety on. That is a worthy objective but in my opinion, the