Ssibility of the gun firing with the bolt handle up represents a run more serious risk. After all, when I LOAD the gun, it is usually off of safety for a few seconds. Unloading with the safety off for a few seconds seems like an acceptable risk compared with the gun being fired with the bolt lugs only partially locked.

I understand that you can modify this gun so that the bolt is locked into place when the safety is on (i.e. the "old" 700 BDL design). I will greatly appreciate your making this modification in my rifle. As outlined above, if these conditions are not corrected, I will probably get rid of the gun since my confidence in it has been eroded.

Finally, as we discussed, when I removed the sights from this gun, I inadvertently stripped the front screw on the FRONT sight. I will also appreciate it if you can repair this screw hole so I can reinstall the front sight. Although I will accept the blame for this, my observation is that the sight was only slightly tapped to remove the wedge-shaped piece and the screw stripped. It may not have been installed securely in the first place.

The comments in this letter are not intended to be derogatory toward Remington Arms. I have used many of your products for years with good performance from them. I am hopeful that the above problems with this one gun can be resolved to our mutual satisfaction. Thanks very much for your assistance.

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