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Hartwell Garment Company
Attn: Mr. Ted Davis
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Dear Mr. Davis:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 7mm Rem. Mag. caliber rifle, serial number A6647268, which you returned to us a short time ago because it discharged when the safety was moved to the "fire" position.

The returned firearm, which was produced in August of 1978, has been examined by our firearms experts who report that it contained our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all our necessary tests prior to shipment.

The general condition of the gun appeared to be good, but well used, and it was noted that the stock contained numerous scratches and mars. In addition, the stock had been shortened, the receiver glass-bedded, and the sights removed after the rifle left our factory.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly, which included storing the firearm for a lengthy time in an extremely cold temperature, would not duplicate the malfunction that was reported. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was well within specifications at 4½ pounds.

Within the trigger assembly, our experts found several steel chips that may have resulted from factory machining operations, one of which might have caused a malfunction, though we could not duplicate it. Therefore, in order to determine the cause, we would like additional information, step by step, on the handling of the firearm up to and including the incident.