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Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on your customer's Model 700 BDL 7mm Rem. Mag. caliber rifle, serial number A6358083, which you returned to us when it allegedly "fired while on safety".

The returned firearm, which was produced in September of 1976, 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 it was noted that there were some slight marks on the stock. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the incident that was described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. 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 our specifications at 4½ pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. We can only assume that accidental contact was made with the trigger, with the safety in the "fire" position, causing the rifle to fire; since by design when the safety of a Model 700 rifle is in the "safe" position the firing pin is blocked, and it is not mechanically possible for it to fall unless the safety is moved to the "fire" position and the trigger pulled.