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Dear Mr. Helms:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL, 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number A6479083, which you returned to us because it allegedly "discharged while taking it off of safety to unload".

The returned firearm, which was produced in July of 1977, has been thoroughly 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 necessary tests prior to shipment from our factory.

The general condition of the gun appeared to be good, but it was noted the stock contained numerous scratches and mars. In addition, a recoil pad and scope mounts had been added after the rifle left our facility. In going over the individual parts, we found headspace, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction that was reported. 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 within our specifications at 5½ pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Co., 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, which caused the rifle to fire.

We do want to be as helpful to you as possible, and even though there is nothing wrong with the present trigger assembly, we can replace it with a new one that will allow opening the bolt while the safety is in the "safe" position, at no-charge, in the hope that your faith in the rifle is restored, or, the rifle can be returned to you in it's present condition. We will await your decision and reply.