## PETRUCCELLI, COHEN, ERLER AND COX

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
50 MONUMENT SQUARE
PORTLAND, MAINE 04101

GERALD F, PETRUCCELLI DAVID M. COHEN JOHN PAUL ERLER THOMAS A. COX JOEL C. MARTEN ANDREW G. SKET MARTEN J. ROBLES CHRISTOPHER T. KATUCKI JOHN D. MCKAY TELEPHONE (207) 775-0200

June 30, 1986

RECEIVED

Mr. Robert Sperling Remington Arms Co., Inc. 1007 Market Street Brandywine Bldg. Wilmington, Delaware 19898

R.B. SPERLING

Re: Remington Model 700 Rifle Safety Defect

Dear Mr. Sperling:

I am an attorney practicing in Portland, Maine. While doing research for a client recently, I came across a report of the Fifth Circuit's opinion in Muzyka v. Remington Arms Co., Inc., a copy of which is enclosed. I was particularly interested in the opinion because I am the owner of a Model 700 with the two-position safety described by the Court, and I too have had my rifle discharge unexpectedly when the safety was moved to the "fire" position (fortunately, the bullet went into some woods and no one was injured).

Since I am now aware of a similar occurrence, I cannot believe that the unexpected firing I witnessed was a coincidence. This concerns me because it leaves me with the choice of destroying an expensive gun that I enjoy using, or using it under the risk of causing tragic injury. I could not, in good conscience, sell the rifle given what I now know.

My question to you is, will Remington convert my rifle to a safe one by adding the newly-designed safety described on the second page of the opinion? If so, please tell me how I can go about shipping the rifle to your company for that purpose.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

ohn D. McKay

JDMcK/lmt Enclosure