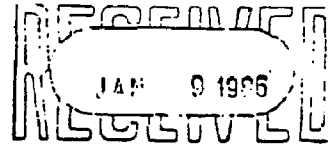


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January 2, 1986

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P.O. Box 696
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Dear Mr. Hudson:

RE: Mr. Tommy Smith

Thank you for advising us of your client's accident. In order for Remington to evaluate the cause of this accident, and to investigate whether it may be responsible, we will have to examine the exhibit, Model 700 rifle, serial number A6897821, at our laboratory in Ilion, New York. I can assure you that no destructive testing will be conducted, and the condition of the exhibit will not be altered, except that we would request that we be allowed to strip down a few of the remaining unfired rounds in order to examine the components. As soon as the examination is completed, the exhibits will be returned, and they will be followed by a written report on their findings.

If this is acceptable, please send the rifle exhibit, via UPS, transportation COLLECT, to Remington Arms Company, Inc., Ilion, New York, 13357, Attention: E.F. Sienkiewicz. Please identify the box as relating to the Tommy Smith claim.

Thank you for bringing this accident to our attention so promptly.

Very truly yours,

William L. Ericson

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Litigation Consultant

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