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Hold for reply

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Wichita Guncraft, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Neal K. Pashman
4607 Barnett Rd.
Wichita Falls, Texas 76310

Dear Mr. Pashman:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 ADL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number A6485100, which you returned to us because it allegedly fired when the safety was released.

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 our necessary tests prior to shipment from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be excellent, and it was noted that the sights had been removed, sling swivels added, and a Bushnell 3-9 power 'scope had been added to the rifle after it left our factory. 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 malfunction that was reported; all parts functions 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 also well within our specifications at 5-5½ pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc. cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the reported incident. A great many attempts were made to duplicate the complaint with no accidental firing experienced. The only way our experts were able to release the trigger in conjunction with safety release is when the trigger was pulled at the time of safety release. Therefore, the only reason we can offer for the incident was inadvertent contact of the trigger upon safety release.