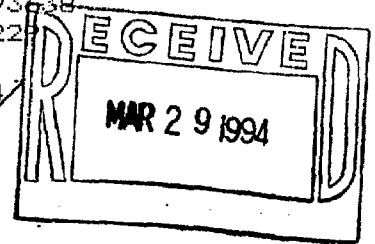


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Dear Sirs:

I am hoping that this letter gets to the proper location, as I am using an address from a 1972 Instruction Folder.

In September of 1972, I purchased a Remington Model 700 BDL .308 cal rifle while stationed in Holland. The serial number is 6298777, and I still own the gun, although my hunting days are over. I believe it to be one of the finest rifles available and until Sunday night, one of the safest.

On Sunday night, the 20th of March, I watched the TV news show "60 Minutes" about the fact that American firearms are not inspected for safety defects, which really surprised me. But what really got my attention was when they specifically mentioned the Remington 700 BDL! In fact they interviewed a gentleman who had shot his foot off while taking the safety off to unload his gun. I had never had a problem in the 15 or so years I used my gun, and it had never occurred to me that this was a problem. My wife was more curious than I about how safe my gun was, so to prove it to her that mine was not one of those "defective" ones, I took it off the rack, dusted it off and showed her it was empty. Initially I couldn't put the safety on, and so I cycled the bolt a few times and pulled the trigger and nothing happened, so I attributed it to the fact that the gun had set for almost 2 years without cleaning and was a little gummed up. I cycled the bolt a few more times, and finally the safety freed up and I put it "on". I had set the safety on with the bolt open, so I closed the bolt, then while showing my wife how the bolt couldn't be opened without taking the safety off first, (which I think is wrong), I pushed the safety forward to the "off" position and the gun firing pin clicked. The gun would have fired had a round been chambered! I was shocked, as she was! But try as I might, I could not get it to do it again. The gun operated perfectly from then on.

This leads me to believe that if the gun is allowed to sit for long periods without cleaning or doing preventative