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Dear Red:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 Classic .300 H&H Magnum caliber rifle, serial number B6463765, that you returned to us for Bob Rehm of the "Gun Nutt" because the "striker can be released with the safety on, ala expert's test in Campbell vs Rem. in Alaska." I know from our later telephone conversation that Mr. Rehm's concern was that the rifle could be fired through a manipulation that involved pulling and pushing up on the trigger connector with a tool, and that the reported firing with the safety "on" was a handwriting error.

The returned firearm, which was produced in April 1983, has been thoroughly examined and found to contain our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection markings, which indicates that it successfully passed all of the necessary tests and inspections before leaving the factory.

The general condition of the rifle was excellent. In going over all of the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber to be normal.

Function testing of the rifle was normal. Trigger pull was measured to be 5-1/4 pounds and the sear lift with the safety in the "on-safe" position was within specifications at .008".

Although the rifle did function properly when in a normal manner consistent with use in the field, I did observe that the rifle

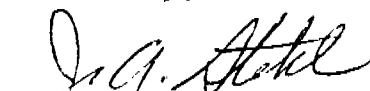
could be fired using a manipulation which involves inserting a tool to artificially move the trigger connector while pulling the trigger. Although all three adjustment screws appeared to remain factory sealed, close examination of the fire control indicated that the trigger assembly has been removed from the receiver at some time after the rifle was manufactured, and that the trigger has also been removed from the fire control.

On removal of the trigger from the fire control we noted that the bottom of the trigger has been filed also. With this "tinkering" done after original manufacture, we recommend replacement of the trigger assembly if the owner has any concerns about the operation of the rifle. Per our telephone discussion, we will install a new trigger assembly, at no-charge, as a gesture of our good-will.

In reference to the test on the rifle mentioned by Mr. Rehm, where through a certain series of manipulations which involve pulling the trigger and using a tool to push up on the connector from outside the gun, I know from our telephone conversation that this has been conveyed to you by Mr. Rehm as his understanding of some tests conducted by plaintiff's experts in the Campbell trial. As we have discussed, it's unlikely that people who were not directly involved in the Campbell trial will be correct in their knowledge of what the "experts" did in that trial. The fact that this, or any rifle, can be fired by inserting a tool into the trigger mechanism does not demonstrate a malfunction, or indicate that the rifle is in any way unsafe for use in the field.

Thank you for this opportunity to examine the rifle and report our findings. With the Campbell lawsuit still pending, it's best for you to work as a Remington New Gun Repair Station in normal fashion, and not feel compelled to correct the rumors you are told regarding that case.

Sincerely,



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