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Dear Dick,

Just a quick note to let you know the trigger arrived and how much I appreciate your kind efforts in obtaining it for me. Of course all I needed was the safety lever, but will swap the parts with no problem to get what I want.

Do wish the engineers at Remington would come up with a three-stage trigger setup so that the bolt handle could be locked down. As much as I like the M-700 action, I would not buy a Model 700 with the new safety setup for serious hunting of big game--especially any game that could possibly be dangerous. Any time you are hunting where you may be in the brush there is the possibility that the bolt handle may be up a little when you need to shoot in a hurry. Anyone who doesn't believe that hasn't spent much time hunting brown bear in coastal Alaska.

I can appreciate Remington's concern with the liability angle, with so many people sue-happy, but a three-stage trigger arrangement would take care of both situations. Why don't you put pressure in the right place for that kind of safety setup. If there is any way I can help to make one of the best rifle actions ever developed have a safety as good as the action, just give me a yell.

Don't worry, Dick, I won't write anything on the trigger swap. I will, however, continue to express my opinion in print on safeties that do not lock the bolt handle on rifles designed to be used for hunting big game.

Thanks again for this and the many past favors.

Best,

Bob Hagel