June \_\_\_, 2008

## VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Phillip Brown 2684 Lake Winyah Road Alpena, Michigan 49707

RE: Daniel Hartman

Remington Model 700 Rifle

Serial No. 220728

Dear Mr. Brown:

We have been advised by Mr. Hartman's lawyer that you are the owner of the above rifle and that the rifle is being returned to you. As you may be aware, Mr. Hartman shot himself in the foot with this rifle in November of 2006. Mr. Hartman's lawyer subsequently made a claim against Remington, and that claim has been resolved.

As you may know, this rifle was manufactured in 1966 and, consistent with many bolt-action rifles of that time, included a feature known as a bolt-lock. The bolt-lock mechanism required the safety to be placed in the "F" or "fire" position in order to lift the bolt handle. Beginning in March of 1982, Remington manufactured its Model 700 bolt-action rifles without a bolt-lock mechanism. As a result, those rifles could be loaded and unloaded with the safety in the "S" or "safe" position.

Remington has instituted a Safety Modification Program for those pre-1982 Model 700 bolt-action rifles with bolt-lock mechanisms. Under this program, Remington will inspect the rifle and remove the bolt-lock feature so that the rifle can be loaded and unloaded while the safety remains in the "S" or "on safe" position. I enclose for your review copies of the Safety Modification Program materials from Remington's website. These materials provide information about the program and instructions on the steps one needs to follow in order to participate in the program. Full details of the Safety Modification Program can be found on Remington's website at <a href="https://www.remington.com">www.remington.com</a>.

If you are interested in participating in the Safety Modification Program and having the bolt-lock mechanism removed from your Model 700 rifle, I would ask you to contact Mr. Fred Supry at Remington's Ilion, New York firearms plant. Mr. Supry can coordinate with you the return of your rifle for participation in this program. Mr. Supry can be reached at (315) 895-

3606. If you do not wish to call Mr. Supry directly, you can participate in the program by following the instructions about the program as found on the Remington website.

Regardless of whether you decide to participate in the Safety Modification Program, please remember to follow the Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety whenever you are using your Model 700 rifle or any firearm. For your convenience, I enclose a copy of the Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety for your review and reference.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions about your rifle or the Safety Modification Program, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,

Laura Watson

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Fred Supry