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Mr. Kenneth L. Arnold 3401 Rustwood Lufkin, Texas 75901

Dear Mr. Armold:

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Examination has been completed on your Model 700 BDL 25-06 caliber rifle, serial number A6427943, which allegedly fixed when the safety was pushed to the off position.

Our experts thoroughly examined the rifle and trigger assembly and could not duplicate the incident you have described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made to the trigger outside of our Company.

Pased on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for this incident. We can only assume that as the safety was pushed to the off position, contact was made with the trigger. When the safety is in the on safe position, the sear is lifted off of the trigger connector. At this time very little effort is required to pull the trigger rearward, allowing the connector to be moved away from under the sear and, in this condition, on moving the safety to the off position, the rifle will fire.

We trust that we have clarified the circumstances that could possibly have caused the accidental firing and, as a gesture of good will, even though there is nothing wrong with your present trigger assembly, we can replace it with another assembly at no charge, to insure that your faith in the rifle is restored, or, the rifle can be returned as received. We will await your decision and reply.

Thank you for having afforded us this opportunity to examine your rifle and to be of service.

Sincerely,

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