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FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

EVELYN LEWY and JACK LEWY,

Plaintiffs

v.

) No. 83-3172-CV-S-2 REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, INC., ) and K MART CORPORATION, )

#### Defendants

Continued videotape deposition of JOHN P. LINDE taken pursuant to agreement on behalf of Plaintiffs at the offices of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Brandywine Building, (Conference Room B-11376), Wilmington, Delaware, beginning at 11:50 a.m., on Thursday, November 7, 1985, before Kurt A. Fetzer, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public. APPEARANCES:

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1	JOHN P. LINDE,
2	having been previously sworn as a witness,
3	was resumed on examination and testified
4	further as follows:
5	EXAMINATION
6	BY MR. MILLER:
7	Q. Mr. Linde, just for purposes of the record
8	so he doesn't have to go through it again, I remind
9	you that you're under oath from yesterday. You
10	understand that, of course?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. It's just a mere formality.
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. I guess what we'll start out with is the
15	process records. You said the other day, yesterday,
16	that you were familiar with the process records and
17	had actually made some changes in those process
18	records on the Model 700. Am I right?
19	A. No.
20	Q. Tell me what you said.
21	A. I'm familiar with process records. I
22	physically never made any changes.
23	Q. Were you involved in the decision-making
24	process to make changes?

1	A. Yes, I have been.
2	Q. On the Model 700?
3	A. On all models.
4	Q. But you didn't actually write the change
5	down?
6	A. No, I didn't.
7	Q. That's where I misinterpreted your answer
8	then.
9	A. No, I didn't do any writing on process
10	records.
11	Q. I'm going to hand you my file of the process
12	records. Those all all of the process records that
13	have been produced to me in this case in somewhat of
14	an order by subject matter, whether it's trigger
15	assembly, final assembly, quality control, gallery
16	testing, et cetera.
17	Now, I talked with Mr. Warren about a
18	change that was made in the assembly of the I
19	believe it was the trigger to the trigger
20	connector. It was a sub-assembly that he
21	instituted.
22	Were you responsible for making that
23	change to the sub-assembly?
24	A. I know what you're talking about.

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1	Q. Do you remember when it was taken out of the
2	regular assembly steps and made a sub-assembly and
3	there were some tests done, added to the assembly
4	procedure?
5	A. No. I don't remember when.
6	Q. What do you remember happened when the
7	change was made?
8	A. All I remember is there was an area over in
9	the sub-assembly area where a guy was doing
10	sub-assembly operations and I would walk by that
11	area on the way to the gallery.
12	Q. That was a change made by Mr. Warren. Do
13	you remember that?
14	A. He was the engineer working on it.
15	Q. Do you remember the reason for that change,
16	why it was made a separate sub-assembly?
17	A. No, I don't.
18	Q. Do you know what the sub-assembler was doing
19	that might have been different from the prior
20	procedures?
21	A. No, I don't.
22	(Plaintiff's Deposition Exhibit AAAAA
23	was marked for identification.)

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1	BY MR. MILLER:
2	Q. I'm going to hand you what has been marked
3	as, believe it or not, AAAAA. You're here to break
4	in a whole new series, in other words. I'm going to
5	refer to this as a list of changes or differences in
6	Model 700 trigger assembly procedures, assembly
7	testing from sub-assembly through final inspection
8	of completed firearm. Now, this was produced to me
9	as well.
10	What I would like you to do is to go
11	through and tell me whether this listing of changes
12	and you'll see the early system and the present
13	system on it is an accurate listing of what
14	changes were made.
15	MR. MILLER: John, do you know what I'm
16	referring to here?
17	MR. SHAW: Sure, if we could pause here
18	for a minute.
19	(Discussion off the record.)
20	THE WITNESS: What is your question?
21	BY MR. MILLER:
22	Q. Is that an accurate listing of the
23	operations what do they call it? the
24	differences in Model 700 trigger assembly procedures
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1	from sub-assembly through final inspection?
2	A. Yes. This here shows the changes going from
3	where you had one operator assemble the whole rifle
4	to presently how the rifle's produced where you have
5	an operator who assembles the trigger assembly,
6	sub-assembly and then a final assembler who
7	assembles that to a rifle. It's an accurate
8	representation of that change.
9	Q. Were those changes made at the same time
10	Mr. Warren made his change by instituting the
11	sub-assembly procedure?
12	A. No.
13	Q. Were some of those changes instituted by
14	Mr. Warren that we talked about earlier?
15	MR. HEADLEY: I might say for the
16	record it's our understanding that that column that
17	says "early" over there refers to 1962 methods or in
18	that era when the gun, the Model 700, when they
19	first started the manufacturing. Then "present"
20	would refer to the date that's shown at the top of
21	when that exhibit was prepared.
22	THE WITNESS: Yeah.
23	A. No, I don't believe that he changed any of
24	those.

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1	Q. Is that your understanding, that the "early"
2	column refers to the first procedures established
3	for manufacturing the Model 700 and the "present"
4	column refers to the procedures in existence on
5	5-2-83, which is the date at the top?
6	A. No.
7	MR. HEADLEY: I think what he's saying
8	is
9	THE WITNESS: I don't know the dates.
10	MR. HEADLEY: he hasn't reviewed it
11	himself.
12	A. I don't know if the dates are accurate.
13	It's the difference between assembling the rifle and
14	taking the two steps with the sub-assembly.
15	Q. Do you know when any of these particular
16	changes were made?
17	A. No. I don't know the exact date.
18	Q. Do you know if they were during the period
19	1975 through maybe 1978 or '79?
20	A. No, they were not.
21	Q. You're sure that none of them were made
22	during that period?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Would they have been before that period or

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after that period? 1 2 Before that period. Α. 3 0. The last three checks which talk about correct safety operation tested at the mid location 4 5 three times by the final assembler, by the gallery tester and by the final inspector, would those have 6 7 been instituted during the 1975 through 1978-79 period? 8 9 Okay. As far as the assembly of the rifle, Α. 10 that's correct. As far as the tests in the mid 11 position, I wouldn't think so, at the mid location. 12 I would think that that would have been new in '75, but I don't know that for sure. 13 So what you're saying is the testing or the 14 0. 15 inspection was new in 1975; the other stuff pre-16 dates 1975? 17 Α. That's what I would think. 18 MR. HEADLEY: I would state that the 19 record shows that Mr. Linde during his deposition 20 that he gave for two-and-a-half days over a year ago 21 in Ilion, New York, stated that that mid position or trick test was instituted in or about April or 22 around April of 1975. That's in the record. 23 24 Q. Now, from memory or from looking at those

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1	that you need to, do you know what other changes in
2	the process of manufacturing the Model 700
3	bolt-action rifle occurred in the period 1975 to
4	1978-79?
5	A. I'd have to go through the process records.
6	Q. Do you know what other changes occurred
. 7	when I say "other," I'm excluding Mr. Warren because
8	I talked to him about one of the changes, the
9	addition of the sub-assembly but what other
10	changes occurred in the assembly of the fire control
11	system on the Model 700 bolt-action rifle during
12	that period 1975 to 1978 or '79?
13	A. I'd have to go through the process records.
14	Q. What are
15	MR. HEADLEY: Now, the changes you're
16	talking about here, you're talking about the
17	assembly procedures?
18	MR. MILLER: Yeah, the assembly
19	procedures.
20	MR. HEADLEY: As stated on this
21	Exhibit AAAAA?
22	MR. MILLER: Yeah.
23	BY MR. MILLER:
24	Q. Now, if I ask you about quality control

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1	procedures, gallery testing procedures, final
2	assembly, not just the trigger housing assembly,
3	would your answer be the same: You'd have to go
4	through the
5	A. Yes, I would.
6	Q. I have here some documents which I'd like
7	you to look at, if I can separate them out. These
8	are called process record change authorizations.
9	This is what I produced by looking through the 22
10	file drawers. They have been marked as Exhibit S
11	and I'm going to refer to some particular changes in
12	those exhibits.
13	Somehow I think they will refer you to
14	certain process records that you might want to
15	consult, just like the DCR refers to the blueprints
16	or drawings, so please feel free to do so.
17	MR. HEADLEY: What exhibit is that?
18	MR. MILLER: The one I'm going to first
19	hand him is S, page 15.
20	MR. SHAW: What?
21	MR. MILLER: Exhibit S, page 15.
22	BY MR. MILLER:
23	Q. Now, I would like you to first read it.
24	A. (Pause).

1 MR. SHAW: What's the number on that 2 one? 3 MR. MILLER: S-15. 4 MR. SHAW: NO. It has a number on it. 5 MR. MILLER: He'll have to read it to 6 you. I can't see it right now. 7 Maybe you could help me. Do you have the Α. 8 process record for the individual parts? 9 You've got everything I've got. Q. Because it says add operation 35 to control 10 Α. 11 position of safety arm and eliminate dead safe or 12 fires off safe or fires on safe. I think it would 13 be fires on safe. What it is, here's the safety 14 assembly and this is the number, 26585, is the 15 lever. What they did is they added operation, 16 17 they added operation 35. And what they were doing is they were bending that lever so that it wouldn't 18 19 interfere with the wood so they could get a full 20 stroke. 21 0. Next I'm going to hand you what's been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit S-3. Can you tell me 22 what problem was being remedied there? Also you 23 24 might want to mention the number of this process

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1 record change form. 2 (Discussion off the record.) 3 I guess the only thing I can say is, the Α. 4 only thing I can find is this little piece of paper here. I don't know the background. 5 6 You can't find any process record that that 0. deals with? 7 No. Α. 8 9 Ο. It says on here "Restate operation 41. 10 Excessive burrs from machining. Parts are thrown 11 out of assembly," and the part name is the trigger. 12 Is that correct? 13 Α. Yes. 14 This is change No. 266659. Is this the same Q. 15 burring situation that you mentioned earlier with 16 respect to the parts? 17 Α. I don't know. 18 I hand you what's been marked as Plaintiff's Q. 19 Exhibit S-18. Without looking at the records, can 20 you tell me what change is being made there, or what 21 problem was encountered? (Pause) It says they're going to torch draw 22 Α. 23 the safety lever, which the safety lever is a hard 24 part, so that they could get the position of the

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1	lever correct with the cam.
2	Q. Were they having problems in that area?
. 3	A. I have no idea.
4	Q. I hand you Plaintiff's Exhibit S-19, which
5	is interim operation authorization change
6	No. 273151.
7	MR. SHAW: Have you marked that?
8	MR. MILLER: S-19.
9	BY MR. MILLER:
10	Q. Can you tell me what that does?
11	A. (Pause) No, I cannot.
12	Q. Is fire on safe the same as FSR?
13	A. No, it's not.
14	Q. What is the lap, l-a-p, sear surface?
15	A. It's an operation.
16	Q. What is that operation?
17	A. A lap is something where you generate an
18	extremely smooth surface.
19	Q. Why would you want an extremely smooth
20	surface on the trigger surface?
21	A. To get a good trigger pull.
22	Q. I'm going to hand you what's been marked as
23	Plaintiff's Exhibit S-27, interim operation
24	authorization change No. 273861. Do you understand

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ı	what's being done there?
2	A. (Pause) I would know no more than what it
3	says.
4	Q. You would know no more than what it says?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Why was the operation canceled, interim
7	operation canceled on 4-8-75 by J. Bowers?
8	A. Well, you put in an interim operation I
9	can't tell why this was. You put in an interim
10	operation when you pick up something. For example,
11	any heat-treat operation if you were picking up
1,2	warpage all of a sudden for some reason, then you
13	would put in an interim operation to screen a
14	hundred percent to get anything that's warped out.
15	If you went back and decided what was
16	causing that warpage, then you would eliminate the
17	operation that you had as a temporary. It's a
18	method of cost accounting to make sure you pick up
19	the cost and account for every minute that's put
20	into a firearm.
21	Q. Now, that's different from a process record
22	change authorization, correct?
23	A. Yes, it is.
24	Q. A process record change authorization is
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1	meant to be a permanent change. Am I right?
2	A. Well, you know, I don't have a dictionary of
3	what our terms are, but that's the way I would
4	interpret it.
5	Q. Now, explain to me one more time the problem
6	that you were having with the Swedish company on the
7	spacers and the materials and all that.
8	A. What?
• 9	Q. You mentioned a problem that you were having
10	with some sort of Swedish company on the spacing
. 11	blocks. Do I remember that correctly?
12	A. I just remember answering your questions on
13	the trigger assembly.
14	Q. Well, you mentioned some sort of situation
15	with a Swedish company, as I remember, in which
16	there was a problem, that they went out of business
17	or something and you couldn't get the same
18	material.
19	A. I was just talking about powder supply.
20	Q. Powder supply, okay. So you had to use a
21	different type of powder. Is that what happened?
22	A. That's right.
23	Q. When you changed to the different type of
24	powder, what happened to the design of the rifle and

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	1	to those spacer blocks?
· .	2	A. We changed our process to compensate for the
	3	different powder.
	4	Q. Because the different powder came out a
	5	different size?
r -	6	A. No. It came out with different physical
	7	characteristics.
	8	Q. What physical characteristics were different
	9	in it?
	10	A. It had a different compression modulus, I
• •	11	would think. Now, I don't know the exact terms.
	12	Q. What is a compression modulus?
	13	A. How much is compressed with a given load.
	14	Q. It was being compressed more than what the
	15	material, the same material would compress as
	16	provided by the Swedish manufacturer?
	17	A. Yeah. I really don't know for sure.
	18	Q. Do you remember the name of the Swedish
:	19	manufacturer?
	20	A. Yes, I do.
	21	Q. Who was that?
	22	A. Husquvarna.
	23	Q. I'm going to hand you what's been marked as
1	24	Plaintiff's Exhibit S-35, which is process record
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1 change No. 274943. What was the reason for this 2 change? 3 I would think that this would be the change Α. 4 that corresponds to the change that we discussed on 5 the model drawing. 6 Ο. Which particular change in the model 7 drawing? 8 Α. Of the two front rear spacers. 9 Would S-38, which is process record change 0. 10 authorization No. 275204, be the same thing? 11 (Pause) Just a minute. Let me check. Α. Was 12 that the spacer front? 13 I'm going to hand you also -- this may 0. 14 answer that question for you -- process change 15 authorization No. 275205. Does that help you answer 16 that question? 17 It references which DCR number right on here Α. 18 so all you have to do is just check the DCR. 19 Q. Are those all related to that change due to 20 the lack of powdered metal from Husquvarna? 21 Yes. It appears that way. Α. 22 None of these process changes, S-35, 38 and Q. 39, then were made prior to that problem with 23 getting the powdered metal from Husquvarna? 24

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1	A. Yeah. That's my recollection.
2	Q. Now, I've gone through some of these. I
3	just don't have time right now to go through the
4	rest of them. I don't really want to if I don't
5	have to.
6	Can you tell me this in general from
7	your memory I won't hold you down precisely do
8	you remember any other process changes that were
9	made, whether they were interim changes or whether
10	they were process record changes, that were meant to
11	be permanent on the Model 700 fire control system
12	for the period 1975-1978 or '79?
13	A. I would think that you have everything.
14	Q. You don't remember anything else?
15	A. No.
16	Q. Now, in the Model 600 fire control system,
17	when you had a problem with the trick condition that
18	was due to insufficient clearance of the sear,
19	correct?
20	A. It was insufficient clearance between the
21	trigger connector and the sear, yes.
22	Q. And in those rifles that would trick, that
23	would be because there wasn't that sufficient
24	clearance, right?

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1 Α. There was not sufficient clearance with the safety in the intermediate position, yes. 2 That's the trick test? 3 Q. Yes. 4 Α. 5 Now, in that situation when you did have Q. 6 some lift, maybe not a full lift of what Remington 7 wanted but you did have some lift, say a couple of thousandths, two, three, maybe .004, would you still 8 get a trick condition in that situation? 9 10 Α. No. 11 Q. What do you mean by insufficient clearance then? 12 13 Α. Where you didn't have any clearance, where 14 you actually had an interference. 15 Well, I'm taking the parts not as the Q. 16 trigger connector is coming back underneath the 17 sear. I understand that you can't have any 18 clearance there. I'm talking the parts as they 19 exist prior to pulling the trigger. 20 If you put the safety on in some 21 intermediate position and you get some clearance, 22 some lift, a couple of thousandths, would those 23 rifles then later on after you did the rest of the 24 trick test fail that test?

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1 A. No. 2 Why's that? Q. 3 A. If it has clearance it won't fail the trick 4 test. 5 ο. So what you're saying the best term for me then would be no clearance between the trigger 6 connector and the sear? 7 Α. That's correct. That's what you end up with 8 if it failed the trick test. 9 10 Q. That's what you ended up with when the 11 trigger connector was coming back trying to return 12 underneath the sear? That's what you ended up with going in. 13 Α. That was going to be my next question. 14 Q. 15 Did you have to have no clearance going 16 in? 17 A. Yes. In other words, before you pulled the 18 Q. trigger after you put the safety in that 19 20 intermediate position, there was no clearance? 21 That's right. A. 22 In other words, the safety was ineffective Ο. 23 and you got no lift from the safety? 24 That's right. Α.

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1	Q. And the sear still rested on the trigger
2	connector?
3	A. That's right.
4	Q. Did you specifically look into that
5	situation to see if it was only those rifles with no
6	clearance that would fail the trick test or if some
7	rifles with a minimum amount of clearance, say a
8	couple thousandths, two, three, maybe .004, would
9	also fail the trick test?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. What did you conclude as a result of that?
12	A. That you had to have interference for it to
13	fail the trick test.
14	Q. Interference? In other words, no clearance?
15	A. No clearance.
16	Q. Were you ever able to make a Model 600 rifle
17	fail the trick test in a situation in which you
18	measured it and there was some clearance when you
19	put the safety in the intermediate position?
20	A. No.
21	Q. In other words, in the Model 600 the
22	tolerance problem when it caused a failure of the
23	trick test caused it by stacking up or building up
24	so that there was no lift on the sear in the
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1	intermediate null position?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Now, you stated yesterday and if I'm
4	wrong in my summary of your statement, tell me and
5	we'll try to correct that first but you stated
6	yesterday that you felt that given a rifle with
7	A. Excuse me. But if I stated it yesterday and
8	you asked the question yesterday, why go over it
9	again?
10	Q. Because if I don't go over it, you won't
11	know what I'm talking about when I ask my next
12	question. Okay?
13	A. Okay.
14	Q. I got to begin somewhere. Remember the
15	example maybe I'll do it this way remember the
16	example that I gave you where we've got a Model 700,
17	I hypothesized a trigger pull of four pounds because
18	it was halfway between a three- and five-pound
19	Remington specification, do you remember that
20	example?
21	A. Yes. If you want to ask me questions on it,
22	go through it and make your scenario again.
23	Q. You want me to do it again?
24	A. Yeah. I'm not going to try to remember your

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1	scenario again. Just go through your scenario and
2	ask your next question.
3	Q. Now, the question I asked you was: Given
4	that trigger pull and overtravel varying between
5	zero, which is the minimum amount of overtravel, or
6	just a minute amount, enough to make the rifle fire,
7	and an overtravel backed off to, oh, twenty, .030 or
8	maybe even fifty, sixty, .080, if you can back off
9	that far, and I asked you whether you thought
10	debris, foreign matter, burrs, other parts, other
11	things that could get in there could interfere and
12	bind the trigger connector in a forward position
13	are you following me? Do you remember that example?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. If I changed that example around I think
16	I've given you all the information I gave you the
17	other day and said the trigger pull was
18	three-and-a-half pounds, would your answer still be
19	the same?
20	A. My answer would be that because I really
21	don't understand your question. What's the question
22	though? Now you've given me the scenario. We've
23	reduced it to three pounds or three-and-a-half
24	pounds.

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1	Q. Could dirt, debris, foreign material of
2	whatever type, interfere and cause the trigger
3	connector to bind, remaining in the forward position
4	at a lesser trigger pull than four pounds?
5	A. I wouldn't think so.
б	Q. How about at a greater trigger pull than
7	four pounds?
8	A. I wouldn't think so.
9	Q. Are you familiar with the Mike Walker patent
10	on the Model 700 fire control system?
11	A. I've seen it, yes.
12	Q. Do you ever review any magazines in the
13	firearms industry for what authors are writing about
14	Remington products?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. Have you ever reviewed articles on the Model
17	700?
18	A. Yes, I have.
19	Q. Have you ever reviewed any articles having
20	to do with the presence of a bolt lock on the Model
21	700?
22	A. Not particularly, no, I cannot remember. If
23	it was combined into an article on the 700 I would
24	be sure that I read it.
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1	Q.	Do you regularly read any articles by John
2	Sundra?	
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3	Α.	Yes, I have.
4	Q.	Do you ever remember him recommending to
5	Remingt	on to remove its bolt lock on its Model 700?
6	Α.	In his articles?
7	Q.	Yes, in any of his articles.
8	Α.	No, I don't.
. 9	Q.	Do you know John Sundra?
10	Α.	Yes.
11	Q.	Have you ever talked that subject over with
12	him?	
13	Α.	No.
14	Q.	I have about another ten minutes.
15	A	20 of I got to leave, by my watch. I got a
16	guy wai	ting in my office.
17	Q.	How much time does that give me?
18	Α.	Six minutes.
19	Q.	Do you know what caused the accident in the
20	case at	hand, the Lewy case?
21	Α.	No.
22	Q.	Do you have an opinion as to what caused the
23	acciden	t in this case?
24	Α.	No, I do not.

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1	Q. You mentioned in volume 3 at page 33 of your
2	prior deposition that Remington desires to restrict
3	the movement on its trigger connectors as they're
4	assembled in the fire control system. What's the
5	reason for that?
6	A. Remington repeat your question, please.
7	Q. You mentioned at page 33 of volume 3 of your
8	prior deposition that Remington, the design people
9	at Remington, desires to restrict the movement of
10	the trigger connector on the trigger in their
11	bolt-action rifles, Model 700.
12	What would be the reason for that?
13	MR. SHAW: Show him the deposition.
14	MR. HEADLEY: Yes.
15	A. I can't remember. I'd have to go through
16	whatever the logic was leading up to that.
17	Q. When did you first become aware that the
17 18	Q. When did you first become aware that the Model 600 rifle could be tricked?
18	Model 600 rifle could be tricked?
18 19	Model 600 rifle could be tricked? A. It would have been when we were
18 19 20	Model 600 rifle could be tricked? A. It would have been when we were investigating the 600 information. The trick test
18 19 20 21	Model 600 rifle could be tricked? A. It would have been when we were investigating the 600 information. The trick test was not something that we became aware of. It was
18 19 20 21 22	Model 600 rifle could be tricked? A. It would have been when we were investigating the 600 information. The trick test was not something that we became aware of. It was something that we actually developed.

the safety? 1 2 Α. I don't understand your question. 3 Q. Are you aware that certain Model 700s will fire on release of the safety? 4 5 Α. I've seen specific rifles. When did you first become aware of that Q.' 6 7 situation? When I was working on 700s. 8 Α. 9 When would that have been? Would that have Q. been the same period as the 600s? 10 11 1975, when I was assigned to the job of Α. 12 working on 700s. Then I started looking at 700s, 600s, 580s, 788s, the whole line. 13 14 Q. The whole line? The bolt-action line, yes. 15 A. 16 That all began at the same time due to the Q. 17 discovery of the problem of the 600? 18 Α. No. It became at the time because Mike 19 Walker retired and they moved me from shotguns into 20 center-fire rifles. 21 Q. What time period was that? That would have been right around the first 22 Α. 23 part of 1975. It was probably January 1. MR. MILLER: I think I probably hit 24

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1	your time limit. I'll let you go.
2	THE WITNESS: Yeah. Okay.
3	MR. MILLER: Thank you.
4	BY MR. MILLER:
5	Q. One question. What is this?
6	A. I don't know.
7	Q. Have you seen that before?
8	A. No.
9	MR. HEADLEY: Let the record show
10	before you leave, Mr. Linde, that, yes, Mr. Linde
11	was scheduled yesterday for his deposition. We went
12	all day. At the conclusion it was agreed that he
13	would be able to come back, be present for one hour
14	today, even though it does interrupt his day, and
15	that he has schedules and commitments for today and
16	tomorrow and plaintiff's attorney had been so
17	advised of it previous to today.
18	MR. MILLER: We might also want the
19	record to show that I was willing to go on yesterday
20	with the deposition but the court reporter did have
21	a problem with his finger and that was the primary
22	reason why we discontinued the deposition
23	yesterday.
24	MR. HEADLEY: But it was about 5:30

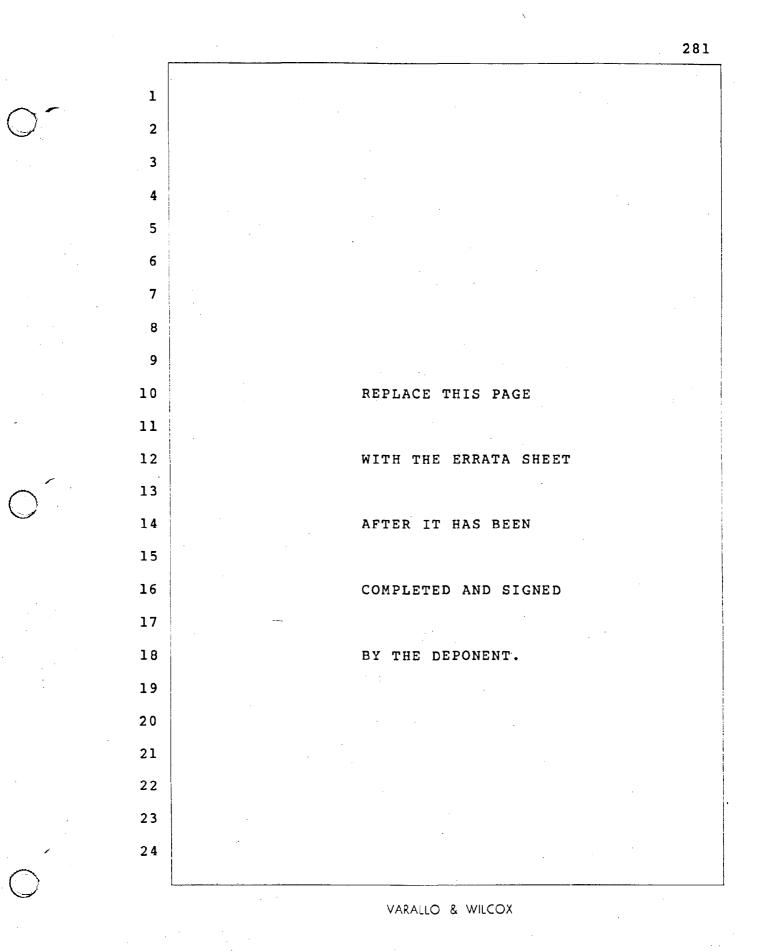
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1	yesterday, as I understand, in the aft	ternoon that we
2	discontinued, having started at about	9:00 o'clock
3	in the morning.	
4	MR. MILLER: That's corre	ect.
5	MR. HEADLEY: Thank you,	Mr. Linde.
6	THE WITNESS: So long.	
7	(Deposition concluded at	12:40 p.m.)
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4	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
5	I, Kurt A. Fetzer, Registered
6	Professional Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify that there came before me on the 7th day of
7	November, 1985, the deponent herein, JOHN P. LINDE, who was duly sworn by me and thereafter examined by
8	counsel for the respective parties; that the questions asked of said deponent and the answers
9	given were taken down by me in Stenotype notes and thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
10	direction.
11	I further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the testimony given
12	at said examination of said witness.
13	I further certify that I am not counsel, attorney, or relative of either party, or
14	otherwise interested in the event of this suit.
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16	Kurt A. Fetzer
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