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Dear Mr. Bernhardt:

Your first letter of December 12, 1991 and your follow-up letter of April 20, 1992 regarding your Model 700 BDL rifle, serial number 6522201, have been forwarded to this office, Product Service, from Arms Service for response.

First, I'd like to apologize for the delay in responding to your letters. Your first letter, with the rifle, arrived just prior to the Christmas and New Year holidays, and during the peak time of the year for firearms being returned to Arms Service.

Your rifle, which was built in February 1972, has been thoroughly examined by myself and our engineering personnel, and was found to have our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stamps, which indicate that it had successfully passed all necessary tests and inspections before being shipped from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle was fair. In our examination of the individual parts, we found the headspace, bolt recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal. However, the stock had been modified by the addition of a recoil pad and inlays, and significantly, has been shaped and sanded on the exterior. The width of the stock at the location of the barrel recoil bracket was so narrowed, that is, the walnut so thin, that the stock was cracked on both sides. This modification renders the stock unusable and not repairable in our opinion. Further, and perhaps because of the rain you mentioned, the magazine box, magazine box spring, firing pin and bolt plug threads all were rusted. The effort required to lift and cock the bolt was higher than normal because of the rust on the bolt plug threads.