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would be required.

We were subsequently advised there was no damage to the gun, and the bolt had been opened with minor effort. Based on this, we felt extremely high pressures were not involved. This was further borne out when the fired shell from the chamber was sent to the writer by Lonoke. The primer pocket had expanded, but there was no ironing of the print on the head, flow of metal into ejector hole, or expansion of the case wall at the chamber mouth.

On July 9, 1980, Don McClure called, advising our Recommended Gunsmith, Stiffin's Gun Shop of Great Falls, Montana, had received a Model 700 ADL, Serial #A6758123, caliber 7mm Express Remington, from Mr. Scott Paisley of West Yellowstone, Montana. Said rifle had the bolt locked shut while using Remington cartridges. The bolt was tapped open, and the gun examined by the gunsmith. It was undamaged, and within head-space specifications. He then fired the two cartridges from the magazine without incident, and returned the rifle to Mr. Paisley.

I wired Mr. Paisley, requesting the return of the remaining ammunition. Don McClure gave the writer the fired shell from the chamber, and the two cases fired by the gunsmith. Mr. Paisley returned 16 loaded rounds, bearing Code M08I D6644. These cartridges were sent to R & D for test purposes.

The cartridge that locked up the Paisley gun had an expanded pocket with dropped primer with no flow of metal into

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