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TELEPHONE (315) 895-3200 June 15, 1993

Mr. Rick Carthen Box 111

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Mineral Wells, TX 76067

Dear Mr. Carthen:

At your request, your rifle, a Mohawk 600, serial number A6223022, is being returned to you in as-received condition. This rifle has been altered after it was manufactured by Remington and in its present condition is <u>not safe</u> to use.

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Your rifle, which was built in January, 1976, has been thoroughly examined by Remington engineering personnel and was found to have our high-pressure proof test, gallery test and final inspection stamp markings. This indicates that this rifle had successfully passed all necessary tests and inspections before being shipped from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle is very good to excellent. In our examination of the individual parts, we found the headspace, bolt shoulders, and chamber all to be normal. The rifle has seen moderate use and has been relatively well maintained. However, at some time the firearm has been modified from original factory condition by someone, most probably a gunsmith. When the bolt was moved in a normal closing action with no cartridge present, it was noted that the magazine follower would occasionally move forward and bind under the bolt head. Close examination of the magazine follower shows that follower is not a Mohawk 600 part, which is a chrome-plated sheet metal stamping, but is a solid steel follower as is currently used in the Remington Model 700 rifle. In addition, it was observed that the magazine was not correctly assembled to the receiver which has caused a distortion of the trigger guard.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction you reported, specifically "... | ejected the empty shell and bolted in a fresh round, it went off again..." Numerous attempts were made by our engineers to cause the rifle to fire as you described

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