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Dear Mr. Chatten;

First, I apologize for the delay in responding to your request for the results of our examination and testing of your Model 700 ADL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number 113139.

The returned firearm, which was built in August 1964, 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 appeared to be very good, considering its age. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber all to be normal.

In our intensive examination of the rifle and trigger assembly, we could not duplicate the malfunction that you reported - "... The gun discharged without the trigger being touched while I was loading it. A split second after I closed the bolt the firing pin released and caused the gun to fire." Many attempts were made to reproduce this malfunction, but it did not happen. The rifle operated properly in every respect.

Disassembly of the rifle showed the trigger assembly to contain a fair amount of a sticky, gummy material. This substance was noted on the outside of the assembly, on the internal trigger parts and on the bolt stop lever. Because of the presence of this substance on the trigger parts, the decision was made to subject the entire rifle to freezing temperatures. The purpose was to determine whether this sticky material could cause malfunctions when congealed at low temperatures. However, this had no detrimental effect on the operation of the rifle and, again, it did not malfunction.