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Dear Mr. Stekl:

Enclosed please find one Remington rifle, caliber 22-250. I am requesting a complete examination on this rifle in the hope of ascertaining why the weapon discharged without having the trigger activated.

In mid April of this year I was holding the forearm on this rifle with my left hand and slowly moved the bolt forward with my right hand placing a round in the chamber. As the bolt locked home the rifle discharged, my hand was nowhere near the trigger, nor was there anything near the trigger that would have engaged it.

The weapon has been examined at our State Police Laboratory by Technical Sergeant Dominic Denio regarding the discharge. Sergeant Denio advised me he was unable to find any apparent cause; however, he did state the round was fully seated in the chamber when the discharge occurred.

As it stands now the rifle is useless to me, as having discharged once unintended near the front door of my kitchen I no longer trust this weapon and would be hesitant to use it again. The damage it caused to the kitchen cabinet is minor compared to what could have happened if the rifle was not pointed in a safe location while it was being loaded. The feature I would like to have changed, if possible, is the safety. When the weapon is loaded and the bolt moved forward, locking a shell into the chamber, the safety automatically goes further on to the off position.