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Dear Mr. McCawley:

I haven't sent the piece because it is at a forensic lab for ballistics tests to establish that an old slug I found in a deer I killed didn't come from my weapon; the case is too complicated to summarize, but with any luck it will help nail a poacher they've been after for a long while at the Chincoteague National Wildlife refuge.

Anyway, it finally occurred to me, you don't need the 788 anyway. All the problems I have described are common to mine, my friend's, and another one I borrowed from a dealer. Any short, low-power scope ought to demonstrate the ejection problem, and anyway, that is the least of my objections, since it is just an inconvenience, not a danger.

I am anxious to get Hemington's response on the safety and the bolt.

Regards,


Hank Burchard

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