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To : ART WHEATON  
From : PETE JACKSON  
Date : 12/26/90 TIME : 16:36

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Stand our ground  
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SUBJECT: COMPLAINT FROM RICHARD BURTNESS

PER MY CONVERSATION WITH TIM MCCORMICK AND ROGER POTTER, I CONTACTED TED AND BUD BURGER ON 12/27/90 TO DISCUSS REMARKS THAT BURTNESS HAS QUOTED AS THEIR COMMENTS CONCERNING THE MALFUNCTIONING OF BURTNESS'S 375 H&H, MODEL 700 RIFLE.

BOTH TED AND BUD BURGER DENY THAT THEY TOLD BURTNESS THAT "REMINGTON WILL PAY FOR HIS SAFARI" NOR DID THEY "PUT DOWN" REMINGTON PRODUCTS. TED AND BUD SAID THAT BURTNESS HAS A HISTORY OF COMPLAINING WITHOUT FOUNDATION. SOME POINTS THAT THEY BOUGHT OUT.

1. TOLD BURTNESS THAT THEY HAVE NEVER HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE WITH A REMINGTON MODEL 700 AND IN THE 20 YEARS OF HUNTING BIG GAME, NEVER HAD POOR EJECTION OR ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF ANY KIND.
2. HAD ONLY SUGGESTED TO BURTNESS THAT REMINGTON WOULD "TAKE CARE OF HIM" IN THE SENSE OF A NO CHARGE REPAIR AND DID NOT MEAN THAT REMINGTON WOULD PAY \$30M IN COSTS.
3. BURTNESS HAD A SUCCESSFUL SAFARI WITH TROPHY GAME TAKEN. HE DID NOT HAVE A BAD EXPERIENCE.
4. BURGERS WERE ON SAFARI AT THE SAME TIME OF BURTNESS, OFFERED HIM VIA RADIO, THEIR SPARE 375 H&H, AND BURTNESS REFUSED.
5. BURTNESS TALKED "OVER THE CAMPFIRE" TO HIS GUIDES AND COMPANIONS HOW HE WAS GOING TO GET REMINGTON TO PAY FOR HIS TRIP.
6. BURGERS CAN PROVIDE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GUIDE (WHITE HUNTER) AND COMPANIONS. THE WHITE HUNTER WILL BE IN MINNEAPOLIS IN JANUARY AND A STATEMENT CAN BE MADE AT THAT TIME IF YOU WISH.
7. BURGERS BELIEVES THAT THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE WAS DO TO HIM PULLING THE TRIGGER UNCONSCIOUSLY DURING A STALK. THE GUN WAS SAFE. ALSO THE BELIEVE THE ORGINAL FEEDING PROBLEMS WAS PROBABLY DO TO BURTNESS TRYING TO PUT 4 CARTRIDGES IN THE MAGAZINE. MOVEMENT OF THE FOLLOWER SPRING WAS DUE TO REMOVING THE BARRELLED ACTION FROM THE STOCK IN THE FIELD AND PUTTING IT BACK TOGRETHET INCORRECTLY. HOWEVER THIS IS THEIR OPINION ONLY. THEY DID NOT SEE THE GUN.
8. FROM WHITE HUNTER COMMENTS TO BURGERS, BURTNESS WAS NERVOUS DURING SALKING AND THAT TO COULD OF PRODUCED PROBLEMS IN BOLT HANDLING (FEEDING AND EJECTION) AND ACCIDENTAL FIRING.
9. DO NOT ALLOW BURTNESS TO WIN THIS CASE IF IT GOES TO SUIT.

THEY WILL CONTACT YOU AND ART WHEATON AT THE SHOT SHOW TO REVIEW THEIR COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS COMPLAINT.

\*\*\*\*\* END OF MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*

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