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Dear Mr. Jones:

Examination has been completed on the Model 660, 308 Win. caliber rifle, serial number 121644, which you returned to us because "the rifle fired upon closing the bolt".

The returned firearm, which was produced in August of 1968, has been thoroughly examined by our firearms experts who report that the recall modifications had been performed on the gun as evidenced by the letter "V" stamped on the upper left side of the trigger.

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be very good, but it was noticed the stock contained some minor scratches and mars. In addition, it was noted the rifle had been extensively customized, stock re-worked, metal re-blued, M/700 bolt handle installed and, stock glass-bedded. In going over the individual parts, we found headspace, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction that was reported. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was within our specifications at 4 pounds, as was sear-lift with safety in the "on safe" position at .012".

The Model 660 bolt was so designed to have a "dog-leg" configuration on the bolt handle to position the operators hand forward and away from the trigger when closing the bolt. The modification made to the rifle, with the Model 700 bolt handle, places the hand directly in line with the trigger on bolt closing. We consider this to be an unsafe condition and the probable cause of the incident you described.

Based on our findings, the Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the unfortunate incident. We can only assume that accidental contact was made with the trigger upon closing the bolt, which caused the rifle to fire. Therefore, we are returning the rifle to you as we received it.