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Remington Arms Company
Arms Service Division
11101, New York 11357

Re: Refers to: Model 740 Remington Rifle

Ref: 511:

About four years ago I purchased a new Model 700 Remington Rifle from your company, bearing Serial No. 1554639. Since that time the gun has been used only for target practice usually 20 to 40 yds. setting, and has had no more than twenty rounds fired through it.

Year before last, my father was checking the scope setting during target practice and when he pushed the safety forward, the rifle automatically went off without touching the trigger mechanism. I shot the gun again last year during deer season to check the scope and had no problems.

However, this year I had the door of my friend's in a warehouse open and while attempting to unload the rifle to get into the feed, I rushed the safety forward to eject the shell from the chambers and the gun automatically discharged without touching any of the trigger mechanism. At the time the gun discharged, there was an occupant in the driver's seat of the jeep and the bullet narrowly missed him and entered the floor boards.

"While taking the leap to the bridge to determine the amount of damage done to the pier, the mechanic reported that the bullet struck the hull housing and glanced off and struck a bolt causing the shell to explode and thus severing some hydraulic lines. He further advised that if the hullier hadn't exploded when it hit the bolt, there was a strong possibility that it shell would have come right back into the cab of the jeep and seriously injured or killed someone.

The rifle is definitely defective and I cannot take the chance of using the same in the present competition; and, of course, I'm certain that you don't want a liability suit against your company as a result of an accident caused by a defective rifle.

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