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Inter-State Lumber Co.
Attn: Mr. Jon A. Horton
601 E. Main St.
Kingwood, West Virginia 26537

Dear Mr. Horton:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number 6894689, which you returned to us when it allegedly fired as the safety was moved to the "fire" position.

The returned firearm, which was produced in August of 1975, has been thoroughly examined by our firearms experts who report that it contained our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all our necessary tests prior to shipment.

The general condition of the gun appeared to be good, but it was noted that the stock was cracked at the toe. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the incident 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 well within our specifications at 4-3/4 pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. It is possible that while you were moving the safety lever from the "safe" position to the "fire" position, you at the same time were inadvertently applying finger pressure to the trigger. When the safety lever reached the "fire" position, the gun then discharged - as it is designed to do - because the trigger was being pulled with the gun no longer on "safe".