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Re: Rifle, 700 BDL Custom Deluxe, left hand bolt,
7mm Magnum, Order no. 5815, Serial No. B6826134.

Gentlemen:

I have had two very serious and very dangerous experiences this month with the referenced rifle.

1. While hunting, I was sitting in my deer blind before dawn and loaded my rifle. I put two cartridges in the magazine and slid one into the chamber. I held the cartridges in the magazine down with my left hand and pushed on the end of the bolt with my right hand to slide the bolt over the cartridges in the magazine. I closed the bolt and the bolt lever was down and locked. The safety was on during this procedure. At dawn I saw a deer and eased my rifle out the window. I moved the safety forward to the fire position and the rifle immediately fired. My hands were not touching the trigger when this occurred. Needless to say it scared the hell out of me.

2. The following week when changing the sighting distance on the rifle at a shooting range, I found on several occasions when I tried to slide the bolt over the cartridges in the magazine that the bolt would not move forward. I had to empty the magazine through the bottom, extract the cartridge in the chamber and start over. In each case, I had two cartridges in the magazine and one in the chamber. Finally the same problem occurred, but this time even when I removed the cartridges from the magazine through the bottom, the bolt would not close on the one cartridge in the chamber. I removed the bolt and extracted the chambered cartridge and prepared the rifle for shipment to you.

At the time of the first incident, while hunting, the rifle was perfectly clean: three shots were fired on the hunt and the rifle was not cleaned after the hunt because I was going to the shooting range to change the sighting in distance.