

*No response to this letter as of 8/14/82
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J.C. Penney Company, Inc.
213 South Main St.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on your customer's Model 700 BDL 7mm Rem. Mag. caliber rifle, serial number A6739101, which allegedly fired when the safety was pushed to the "fire" position.

Our experts thoroughly examined the rifle and trigger assembly and 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 to the trigger outside our company.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept liability or responsibility for this incident. We can only assume that as the safety was pushed to the "fire" position, contact was made with the trigger. When the safety is in the "on safe" position, the sear is lifted off of the trigger connector and very little effort is required to pull the trigger rearward unknowingly, thus taking the trigger out from under the sear. If the trigger is held in the rearward position while the safety lever is moved to the "fire" position, the sear having no trigger to rest on drops away from the notch in the striker as soon as the disconnector is moved away by the safety lever, thus causing the striker to move forward and the gun to fire.

This happens so fast that the shooter does not realize he has pulled the trigger and he attributes the "accidental" firing to gun malfunction.