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Poor Tom's Gun Shop
Mr. Tom Swinarski
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Dear Mr. Swinarski:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 ADL 7mm Rem. Mag. caliber rifle, serial number 56317842, which you returned to us because it allegedly "goes off upon releasing the safety, periodically".

The returned firearm, which was produced in April of 1961, has been 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, and it was noted that the scope base screws had been removed after it originally left our factory. In addition, it was noted that the stock contained slight dents. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspaces, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the condition 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 adjusting screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was within our specifications at 4½ pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incidents. It is possible that while the safety lever was being moved from the "safe" to the "fire" position, the trigger was inadvertently contacted. 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".