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HOLD FOR REPLY

SEPTEMBER 18, 1987

MR. LARRY REED

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ALVA, OK 73717

Dear Mr. Reed:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 APL 25-06 Rem caliber rifle, serial number 6857265, which you returned to us because of the accidental firing you experienced.

The returned firearm, which was produced in April of 1975, was found to contain our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stamping indicating that it had passed all necessary tests and inspections prior to shipment from our factory.

The general condition of the gun appeared to be good, and in going over the individual parts, we found headspace, recoil shoulder and chamber all to be normal. It was noted that sling swivel studs had been added to the stock after it originally left our factory.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction you reported. All tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made to trigger adjustments outside our factory. Trigger pull was measured to be $4\frac{1}{4}$ pounds, and cam lift with the safety in the "on-safe" position was well within