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Dear Mr. Spotts:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL L.H. 7mm Rem. Mag. caliber rifle, serial number B6389802, that you returned to us some time ago because of the firing malfunctions you experienced.

The returned firearm, which was produced in October of 1982, has been thoroughly examined and found to contain our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all necessary tests and inspections prior to being shipped from our factory.

The general condition of the gun appeared to be excellent. In going over the individual parts, we found headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber all to be normal.

Initial testing and functioning of the rifle, in its as-received condition, revealed that the rifle would sometimes not cock when the bolt was closed; the firing pin would simply follow down on the bolt cocking cam. In addition, the trigger would not move freely in the housing, nor would the sear-safety cam. Subsequent disassembly of the rifle disclosed that the trigger assembly was full of partially solidified and wet lubricant, and this condition was causing very sluggish movement of the internal trigger parts. This condition could account for the problems you encountered. In future use, we strongly advise that oil be used sparingly on the firearm and not let accumulate in or on the trigger assembly.