

bcc: Dennis:

Hold the rifle for reply

Jim

March 31, 1980

Mr. Randy Stanfill  
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Dear Mr. Stanfill:

Examination has been completed on your Model 700 BDL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number A6271784, which has allegedly accidentally discharged twice.

The returned firearm, which was produced in March 1976, 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 passed all our necessary tests prior to shipment.

The general condition of the gun appeared to be fair and it was noted that a scope had been mounted after it originally left our factory. In going over the individual parts, we found headspace normal, recoil shoulders normal, and chamber normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the incident you have described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. However, it appears that the trigger adjustment screws have been altered outside of our company, as evidenced by damage to the trigger adjusting screw slot. Also, trigger pull was outside our specifications at 7-3/4 pounds.

Further examination revealed that the trigger assembly was full of solidified oil, to the extent that the bolt stop lever was inoperative.

Based on our findings, the Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. We can only assume that the oil accumulation, under certain circumstances, caused the internal trigger parts to hang-up, resulting in the accidental discharges. As stated in the Owners Manual, the Model 700 trigger assembly is designed not to require any lubrication, and care should be taken to avoid oil getting into the mechanism.