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Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on your customer's, Mr. Larry Poccetti, Model 700 S&W 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number A6818730, which you returned to us when it allegedly fired as the safety was moved to the "fire" position.

The returned firearm, which was produced in July of 1979, 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, in going over the individual parts, we found the headspace normal, recoil shoulders normal, and the chamber normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly 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 adjusting screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was within our specifications at 5 pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. It is possible that while your customer was moving the safety lever from the "safe" position to the "fire" position, he, at the same time, inadvertently contacted the trigger. 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".