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Mr. Max O. Usrey, III
5530 Parkhill Court
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

Dear Mr. Usrey:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 16, 1983 concerning our Model 700 rifle.

The Model 700 is currently manufactured without a bolt lock because our market research over the past years has shown that customer interest in the bolt lock features has declined. Elimination of the bolt lock permits the bolt handle to be raised when the safety switch is either in the "S" or "F" position, simplifying loading and unloading. To date, adverse public reaction to the absence of a bolt lock on our bolt action rifles has been limited.

At the present time, we are producing only the non-bolt lock type safety, and have no provision to furnish a safety with bolt lock.

Thank you for your letter and for having afforded us this opportunity to be of service to you.

Sincerely,

J.A. Stekl, Supervisor
Product Service

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