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Marshall's Sporting Goods, Company
First & Madison
Seattle, Washington 98104

Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on your customer's, Mr. Lawrence Parker, Model 700 BCL caliber 7mm Rem. rifle, serial number A6696592, which you returned to us when it allegedly fired when it was being unloaded.

The returned firearm, which was produced in November 1978, 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 like new and it was noted that a scope had been mounted after it originally left our factory. In going over the individual parts, we found the head space 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 rear-sightmount engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was well within our specifications at 4 1/2 pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. We can only assume that at the instant the bolt was grasped, accidental contact was made with the trigger, causing the gun to fire.

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