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Mr. L.M. Watson
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Dear Mr. Watson:

Your recent letter that was addressed to our Firearms Product Manager, Bridgeport, Connecticut, regarding the accidental firing you observed as a Model 700 rifle was being loaded, has been forwarded to this office for handling.

We were sorry to learn of the incident, and are glad that safe gun handling procedures were being observed and no one was injured.

We would like to take this opportunity to point out that the Model 700 rifle can and should be loaded with the safety in the "on-safe" position, please refer to the high-lighted portion of the enclosed Model 700 Owner's Manual copy.

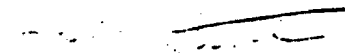
The results of an independent study made on the mechanical operation of 39 different commercially available bolt-action high-power rifles may be of interest to you:

- of the 39 rifles surveyed, only 7 do not lock the bolt when the safety is on.
- of the 39 rifles, only 4 have three-position safeties and bolt locking.

By far, the most popular and widely accepted rifle safety is the two-position safety. Another important feature of this older type safety is once the safety switch is in the "on safe" position the rifle can be readily checked to insure the safety is indeed on by merely exerting slight upward force on the bolt handle. If the safety is "of-safe" the bolt handle will raise.

Thank you for your letter and for having afforded us this opportunity to clarify your area of concern.

Sincerely,


J.A. Stekl, Supervisor
Product Service