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Remington Arm Incorporated  
Attention: Jim Stekl  
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J.A. STEKL

Dear Mr. Stekl:

Per our phone conversation, I told you I would write a letter bringing your attention to the mal function on the gun we discussed, and this is the letter outlining the details.

December 1, 1990, I and a party of seven other people were hunting deer in Mason County, at the Rogers Ranch, that is near Mason, Texas. The gun I was using at that time was a Remington Model 700, serial number 6304601, 22-250 caliber. One year ago on this same hunt, this gun gave me difficulty by discharging prematurely. I was in a stand, a deer appeared, I brought the rifle up, and as I flicked the safety forward to the fire position, the gun discharged by itself. I stopped hunting with that gun and took it to our local Remington Representative at Wichita Guncraft here in Wichita Falls when I returned home, and he repaired it saying it was a loose spring. I test fired the rifle again this year, it worked fine on three shots and then took it with me to the hunt. The rifle performed satisfactorily early in the morning when my friend and I were hunting together, with no misfires. That noon, we took the deer we had obtained and the rifle back to camp, and made preparations to go back again later that day. We were using a Four-Wheeler, and carrying a rifle on the side of the Four-Wheeler as well as another rifle in the front. My friend that was hunting with me, (Don McEwen, 34 year old white male welder from Wichita Falls) was off to the left side of the Four-Wheeler and we had mounted the rifle on the right side. I remembered that there still was a bullet in the chamber and we did not want to travel with it in that condition and made a move to remove the bullet from the chamber by opening the bolt and extracting the bullet. As I reached down and pushed the safety forward in order to open it, the gun misfired again and this time the bullet struck my friend in his right leg. The bullet entered the proximal medial portion of the right thigh doing damage to muscle, skin, and underlying tissue, exited out the back and from there the patient was attended by me. We immediately wrapped the wound, carried the patient out of the rough country, a distance of 3 1/2 miles to the local hospital at Mason. There he was given preliminary medications and dressings and transferred him in my truck to Fredericksburg Hospital, which is Hill Country Memorial Hospital, where a Vascular Surgeon, Dr. Riley Smith attended him. The patient did not have any major