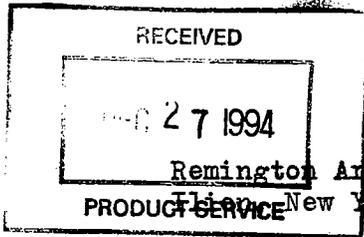
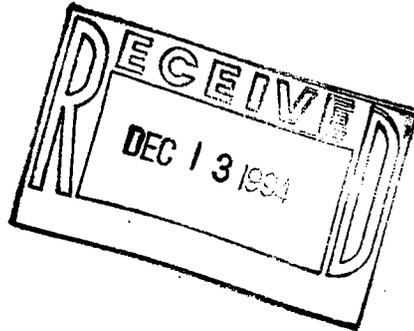


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Gentlemen:

Back in the 1960's, I bought a model 700, 30.06 SPRG rifle. The serial number is 675 8715.

On November 18th of this year, I was hunting elk on the Beartooth Game Management Area with my son, Mike. We were walking through some timber in Bear Gulch. Mike saw some elk and had fired a couple of times. I was moving toward Mike so that I could see the elk and perhaps fire. I moved the safety lever from the safe position to the fire position. As I did, the gun fired without me pulling the trigger. Fortunately, the gun was pointed down into the ground and no one was injured. If I had injured or killed my son, you would be looking at a major lawsuit.

Mike and I decided to go back to our horses and use them to get around to look in the burned-over wooded area where Mike was firing to see if he had knocked an elk down. As we were riding uphill in the open about 7 or 8 elk moved out into the open, heading in the same direction we were. They were about 300-350 yards away.

I got off my horse and settled into the snow to fire and guess what—I could not move a cartridge into the chamber because the bolt would not close. Here were elk standing, looking at us and I could not fire my Remington Model 700 rifle. To be fair, there was about 10 inches of powder snow on the ground and I had gotten snow on the rifle, but not to be able to fire at elk was very, very disappointing, to say the least.

When I got home and cleaned the gun, I found that the empty gun would "fire" as I moved the safety lever from safe to fire with even minimal pressure on the trigger. Could I have had my finger on the trigger when I moved the safety lever in Bear Gulch? Yes, it is possible. Did I pull the trigger in Bear Gulch as I moved the safety lever? I most definitely did not!

There is a major design error or flaw in this model rifle. It could have been tragic. What would I like you to do about it? I would like you to replace the rifle with a safer one.

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If you fail to do that, I will modify the rifle by
taping a thermometer to the stock. I will then use it as a
rectal thermometer on Remington's CEO and chief design
engineer.

Please let me hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,


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