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Hornick's Sporting Goods, Inc. 316 Broad St. Johnstown, PA 15906

Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 270 Win. caliber rifle, serial number A6296386, that you returned to us because, "rifle discharged when safety was disengaged."

The returned firearm, which was produced in May of 1976, has been thoroughly examined and found to have our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all necessary tests and inspections before being shipped from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be good and, it was noted that a scope mount and recoil pad had been added after the firearm originally left our factory. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber all to be normal.

initial testing and functioning of the rifle, as received, revealed that sometimes the rifle would not cock when the bolt was closed; the firing pin would simply followdown on the bolt cocking cam. In other instances the rifle would cock, but jarring the bolt closed would cause the firing pin to release and fall. Trigger pull was measured to be 3 pounds (below our minimum specification of 3-1/2 pounds). Subsequent disassembly of the rifle disclosed that the sear-connector engagement was well below specification and, coupled with a light trigger pull, was causing the aforementioned problems. It was noted that the trigger adjustments had been tampered with

PDC. per phone 4/30/90 with gun shop Replace trigger Assem Remington.

bcc: Arms Service R-89-31876 Hold for reply J. Hutton & B. Ericson

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after the rifle left our factory, as the sealant on the screws was not original. In the future, we strongly advise that the trigger not be adjusted by untrained non-Remington personnel.

Since we found the trigger assembly to have been tampered with and outside of our specifications, we can either properly re-adjust the present assembly or, if it will better restore confidence in the rifle, we will install a new trigger assembly at no-charge as a gesture of good-will (either option is subject to a \$10.00 handling plus return shipping charge). We will await the decision and reply.

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to examine the rifle and report our findings.

Sincerely,

/.A. Stekl, Specialist

Product Service

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