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Mr. Kevin J. Kelly
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 7mm Rem. Mag. caliber rifle, serial number A6347029, that you returned to us because, "..... when I pushed the safety forward, the gun discharged....."

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

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be good, and it was noted that the rear sight aperture had been removed and a scope mount added after it had originally left our factory. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber all to be normal. Trigger pull was measured to be 5 pounds and the sear-lift with the safety in the "safe" position was also within specifications at .007".

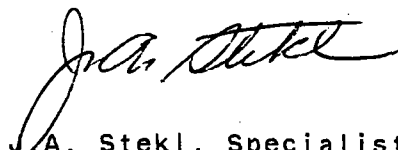
Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction that you reported. Many attempts were made to cause the rifle to fire when the safety was moved from the "safe" to the "fire" position, but it did not occur. The only way the rifle could be made to fire was with the safety in the "fire" position and the trigger pulled; it functioned properly and as designed.

Subsequent disassembly of the rifle revealed that the under-side of the barrel and receiver and inside and outside of the trigger assembly were rusty. Apparently, the rifle had become wet at some time and had not been disassembled and cleaned to prevent rusting. While the trigger and safety assembly is presently working properly, it is entirely possible that moisture and/or rust caused the internal trigger parts to hang-up, resulting in the accidental firing you experienced. I'm sure you realize that a firearm, like any fine piece of machinery, needs a certain amount of preventative maintenance to insure proper operation. (We are enclosing a copy of the Owner's Manual that would have accompanied the rifle for your information.)

Based on our findings, the Remington Arms Co., Inc. cannot accept any liability or responsibility for this mishap, as it appears to have resulted from a condition beyond our control. However, we do want to be as helpful to you as possible. Therefore, as a gesture of good-will, we will replace the trigger assembly at no-charge, to restore confidence in the rifle, if this is acceptable to you. We will await your decision and reply.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, and for affording us the opportunity to examine the rifle and report our findings.

Sincerely,



J.A. Stekl, Specialist
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