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Mr. James E. LeBlanc
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Dear Mr. LeBlanc:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number A6877608, that you returned to us because of the accidental firings that you and your son experienced.

The returned firearm, which was produced in February of 1980, 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 before being shipped from our factory.

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

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not produce any malfunctions. Many attempts were made to cause the rifle to fire on bolt closing, bolt opening and safety lever movement without success. The only manner in which the rifle could be made to fire was with the safety off and the trigger pulled, as designed.

While no malfunctions were experienced during examination, subsequent disassembly of the rifle disclosed that the trigger assembly had been improperly adjusted outside the factory, as evidenced by the fact that the sealant had been removed from all three (3) adjustment screws. Trigger pull, sear-engagement and over-travel were all adjusted outside of factory specifications. In addition, it was noted that the sear-safety cam had been ground, stoned or otherwise altered at the cocking-piece and connector engagement areas.

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Based on our findings, the Remington Arms Co., Inc. cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the damage to the two (2) vehicles. Since the trigger has been modified to the point it cannot be returned to specification, we offer to replace the assembly with a new one, at no-charge, strictly as a gesture of good-will. If this is acceptable, please notify me, in writing, at your convenience.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J.A. Stekl".

J.A. Stekl, Specialist
Product Services

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