

June 16, 1998

Mr. Jerry Beigh  
Remington Arms Company, Inc.  
Arms Service  
14 Hoefler Ave.  
Ilion, N.Y. 13355

Dear Mr. Beigh:


Thank you for talking with me on this date, June 16, 1998, about my Remington Model 700 rifle (.30-06 Springfield, Serial # 6887332). As we discussed, I am concerned about the safety of the gun and a potential defect in the firing mechanism.

I purchased the gun some 20 to 25 years ago, however, it has been fired very little. I keep the rifle in a case and I keep it clean. However, I have never fully disassembled the rifle firing mechanism. Approximately 12 years ago the rifle discharged when I moved the safety from the "safe" to the "fire" position. At the time I was in a deer stand watching a small buck work his way into range. Needless to say, was surprised.

The second occurrence happened about 6 years ago and the very next time that I used the rifle. Some other hunters and I were hunting and returned to a meeting spot before dark. I moved the safety from the "safe" to the "fire" position so that I could operate the bolt to unload the rifle. It discharged into the ground in front of me. This really shook me up and the rifle has not had a round of ammunition inserted since.

You mentioned that you would simulate the conditions which I experienced to determine the problem. I would like to have the rifle made safe without cost to me if possible. Under any event, it cannot be used safely in its current condition. I have attached a note to the rifle in big letters concerning the safety problem (as suggested by Tollie at Sports World in Tulsa, OK). Everyone involved must exercise care when handling the rifle.

Sincerely,

  
Robert M. Peevey