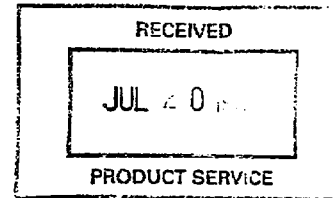


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Dear Mr. Stekl:

Thank you for your reply dated May 6, 1992. I feel a couple of comments regarding the content of your reply may be of interest to you. First, I did, in fact, purchase the rifle used from an individual in the mid to late 1970's. I have neither examined nor altered the trigger mechanism at any time since I have owned it. If this was done, it occurred at some time prior to my owning the rifle. I have probably fired fewer than twenty rounds through it in the entire time I have owned it.

I detailed the circumstances of the accident to an acquaintance who is a gunsmith after I had sent the rifle to you. I inquired of him whether it is possible for a Remington 700 action to fire when the safety is pressed forward. He stated that it was possible if certain screw settings had been changed. It is unfortunate you were unable to reproduce the circumstances which resulted in the accident. I am, however, positive the trigger was not pulled.

Additionally, I find it of interest that although the bolt lock feature is "a very common feature on quality bolt action rifles", your current practice has been adjusted to manufacture these rifles without the bolt lock feature, "but with the provision for the bolt lock feature to be added, if the customer prefers", thereby making the customer hoist by his own petard from the standpoint of your liability. Obviously this change in features was made after the original manufacture of my rifle. I am sure I will wonder long into numerous cold evenings what could possibly have caused you to make this change in the features with which you equip these rifles. I am sure that in today's legal climate a good product liability attorney might find such contemplations equally amusing.

I will not require a new stock.

I would like the trigger assembly replaced with a new one which allows opening the bolt with the safety in the "safe" position,