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## Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 270 caliber rifle, serial number A6494938, that you returned to us because it allegedly fires when the safety is moved forward.

The returned firearm, which was produced in August of 1977, has been thoroughly examined by our experts 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 gun appeared to be very good. In going over the individual parts, we found headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber all to be normal.

Our initial testing and functioning of the rifle, in its as received condition, revealed that the trigger had no retraction spring action to properly position it on cocking. Sometimes the rifle would not cock when the bolt was closed, the firing pin would simply follow down on the bolt cocking cam.

Subsequent disassembly of the rifle disclosed that the trigger pull adjustment screw had been backed out to the point where no spring force was left. Trigger pull was measured to be one (1) pound, well below our minimum specification of 3-1/2 pounds. Also, we found the bolt stop, and trigger assembly dripping wet with excessive lubrication. In future use, we strongly advise that the trigger not be adjusted by untrained non-Remington personnel, and that