

FIREARMSMODEL 600 RIFLE

E.F. Barrett reported to the Subcommittee that Remington's examination of approximately 300 Model 600s, drawn from the stock of a Texas dealer, revealed that about 80% of the sample could be "tricked" (easing the safety to the midway position, then pulling the trigger) so as to cause the gun to fire when the safety is moved to the off position. Four guns were found to fire under the following sequence of events; the trigger is pulled with the safety on and then the safety is taken off (hereinafter referred to as the "full safe condition"). These four guns have been returned to Ilion for further examination. At Ilion, a recheck produced consistent repetition of the problem in only one of the four guns. 83

It was estimated that approximately 1,000 Model 600s were shipped from Ilion in January. The return from this quantity should provide an adequate sample to analyze the nature and magnitude of the problem, and to calculate the number of guns that may be out in the field in the "full safe condition".

COMMITTEE ACTION

An immediate request to all Remington wholesalers to whom the Model 600s were shipped in January 1975, to return said inventory to Ilion for a quality audit. Every gun Remington examines, and every gun which is returned to Ilion for any reason, will be modified by substituting a longer safety lever if it is found to be necessary to prevent the "tricking" of the gun or to correct the "full safe condition".

AMMUNITION22 L.R. RIFLE MATCH

E.F. Barrett next apprised the Subcommittee that we have received reports of several rimfire target guns being damaged, with no personal injuries involved, due to Remington rim fire Match ammunition loaded with excessive powder charges. Preliminary investigation indicates product loaded at Bridgeport sometime in July and August may be suspect.