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Dear Mr. Clark:

Examination has been completed on your Model 700 A&E, 222 Rem. caliber rifle, serial number 6419572, which you returned to us when it fired as the safety was moved to the "fire" position and, "would not cock when lifting the bolt up".

The returned firearm, which was produced in April of 1971, has been thoroughly examined by our firearms experts who report that it contained our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all our necessary tests prior to shipment.

The general condition of the gun appeared to be fair and it was noted that sling-swivel studs had been added after it originally left our factory. In addition, it was noted that the stock contained numerous small nicks, the jeweling on the bolt was over, and the bolt plug corroded. In going over the individual parts, we found the breechpin, recoil shoulder, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly did disclose, however, that the trigger adjustment, and crop screws had been readjusted after the rifle was shipped from our plant, as evidenced by the position of the screws and the fact that the screws were missing from them. Trigger pull was below our specifications at 2 pounds. Further, it was noted that the adjusting screw was backed off to a degree that the trigger spring had no effort, and was not acting to return the trigger and connector to the proper position to support the cross-ejector cam. As a result, the rifle will not consistently cock and, if it does cock, the slightest jar (such as moving the magazine lever from "safe" to "fire") will cause the connector to slip out from under the cam and the rifle will fire.

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