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Mr. Lucian B. Cowles III  
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Dear Mr. Cowles:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL L.H. 7mm Rem. Mag. caliber rifle, serial number A6451464, which you returned to us because it allegedly fired when you released the safety.

The returned firearm, which was produced in May of 1977 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 from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be good, but it was noted that the stock did have slight dents and mars. In addition, it was noted that scope-mount bases had been added to the rifle. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction that was reported; all parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was well within our specifications at 4-4½ pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc. cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the reported incident. We can only assume that accidental contact was made with the trigger, with the safety in the "fire" position, which caused the rifle to fire.

We trust that we have clarified the circumstances that could possibly have caused the accidental firing and, as a gesture of good-will, even though there is nothing wrong with the present trigger assembly, we can replace it with a new one that will allow opening and closing