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June 26, 1979

Dave's Gun Corral
6971 Brookville - Salem Rd.
Brookville, Ohio 45309

Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on your customer's Model 700 .243 Win. caliber rifle, serial number A6537717, which allegedly fired when the safety was pushed to the "fire" position.

Our experts thoroughly examined the rifle and trigger assembly and could not duplicate the incident that was reported. It was discovered, however, that the trigger had been adjusted outside Remington, as evidenced by a sealant, not of the type used by Remington, applied to the weight-of-pull and overtravel adjustment screws and the trigger pull on the rifle, as received by us, measured 1-3/4 pounds, which is below our specification. In addition, it appeared that the safety lever had been removed at some time, since the safety snap washer was not in the proper position.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for this incident. We can only assume that as the safety was pushed to the "fire" position, contact was made with the trigger. When the safety is in the "on safe" position, the sear is lifted off of the trigger connector and very little effort is required to pull the trigger rearward unknowingly, thus taking the trigger out from under the sear. If the trigger is held in the rearward position while the safety lever is moved to the "fire" position, the sear having no trigger to rest on, drops away from the notch in the striker as soon as the disconnecter is moved away by the safety lever, thus causing the striker to move forward and the gun to fire.

This happens so fast that the shooter does not realize he has pulled the trigger and he attributes the "accidental" firing to gun malfunction.

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