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Ilion, New York

May 20, 1975

TO: E.F. BARRETT

FROM: G.W. MARTIN

SUBJECT: BOLT ACTION RIFLE SAFETIES

Since your last visit, and per your request, we have had the opportunity to look into three (3) different areas for information. The three (3) areas are as follows:

1. The computer
2. All available Gunsmith Call Reports
3. Arms Service Usage Report

The Computer Report is broken down into three (3) parts.

1. Safety malfunctions found in our gallery on new rifles.
2. The number of complaints coming into Arms Service
3. The number of actual justified complaints from number 2, preceeding. A copy of these reports are attached.

The Gunsmith Call Reports date back as far as 1970. In these reports we find one (1) Model 600, two (2) Model 788, and thirteen (13) Model 700's with some sort or another of justified or unjustified malfunctions. The one that is the most concerning is Fred Woodrick's Call Report of March 5th. on Ewell Cross Gunshop, Ft. Worth, Texas. I personally called Malcom Cross to confirm that he did encounter six (6) Model 700's that were malfunctioning. He did verify that it was the Model 700, but that it was an educated guess on the number. He did say that this is the first that he had encountered this on the Model 700. He stated that it was because there was not enough clearance between the sear and the connector. He did not seem concerned, but promised to send us the very next one he gets into his Shop. Copies of these Gunsmith Call Reports are attached.

We are also enclosing the Arms Service Usage Report. Truthfully, I don't think we can get much meat from this report for our particular purpose. It would be too difficult to get factually why the various components parts were needed.

We are attaching, also, a copy of the Model 700 Safety Function Test Preliminary Survey as of May 19th. In addition to the guns already tested, we received, today, 220 additional rifles from Carter's Country in Houston, Texas.

