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Mr. G.A. Hernandez
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Dear Mr. Hernandez:

Examination has been completed on your Model 700 BDL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number A6334914, which allegedly fired when the safety was pushed to the "fire" position.

The returned firearm, which was produced in July of 1976, has been 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 somewhat worn and it was noted that a scope had been mounted after it originally left our factory. In going over the individual parts, we found headspace normal, recoil shoulders normal, and chamber normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the incident you have described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. However, it appears that the trigger adjustment screws have been altered outside of our company, as evidenced by the sealant having been removed from them, and over-travel was excessive; trigger pull was within our specifications at 14 pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. When the safety is in the "on safe" position, the sear is lifted off of the trigger connector. At this time, very little effort is required to pull the trigger rearward, allowing the connector to be moved away from under the sear and, in this condition, on moving the safety to the "fire" position, the rifle will fire if the trigger is touched.