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Ramington Arms Company
Arms Service Division
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Re: Defective, Model 700 Remington Rifle

Dear Sir:

About four years ago I purchased a new Model 700 Remington Rifle from your company, bearing Serial No. 154684. Since that time the gun has been used only for target practice annually to check the scope setting, and has had no more than twenty rounds fired through it.

Year before last, my father was checking the scope setting during target practice and when he pushed the safety forward, the rifle automatically went off without touching the trigger mechanism. I shot the gun again last year during deer season to check the scope and had no problems.

However, this year I had the door of my friend's jeep unsecured open and while attempting to unload the rifle to get into the jeep, I pushed the safety forward to eject the shell from the chambers and the gun automatically discharged without touching any of the trigger mechanisms. At the time the gun discharged, there was an occupant in the driver's seat of the jeep and the bullet narrowly missed him and entered the floor boards.

After taking the jeep to the garage to determine the amount of damage done to the jeep, the mechanic reported that the bullet struck the bell housing and glanced off and struck a bolt causing the shell to explode and thus severing some hydraulic lines. He further advised that if the bullet hadn't exploded when it hit the bolt, there was a strong possibility that the shell would have come right back into the cab of the jeep and seriously injured or killed someone.

The rifle is definitely defective and I cannot take the chance of using the same in its present condition and, of course, I'm certain that you don't want a liability suit against your company as a result of an accident caused by a defective rifle.

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