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## Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 270 Win. caliber rifle, serial number A6296386, that you returned to us because, "rifle discharged when safety was disengaged."

The returned firearm, which was produced in May of 1976, has been thoroughly examined and found to have our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all necessary tests and inspections before being shipped from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be good and, it was noted that a scope mount and recoil pad had been added after the firearm originally left our factory. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber all to be normal.

Initial testing and functioning of the rifle, as received, revealed that sometimes the rifle would not cock when the bolt was closed; the firing pin would simply followdown on the bolt cocking cam. In other instances the rifle would cock, but jarring the bolt closed would cause the firing pin to release and fall. Trigger pull was measured to be 3 pounds (below our minimum specification of 3-1/2 pounds). Subsequent disassembly of the rifle disclosed that the sear-connector engagement was well below specification and, coupled with a light trigger pull, was causing the aforementioned problems. It was noted that the trigger adjustments had been tampered with

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