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Mr. E. P. Sienkiewicz
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RE: Remington Model 600 Malfunction of Safety Mechanism

Dear Mr. Sienkiewicz:

I own a Remington Model 600 in a GMM caliber. The serial number of this rifle is 92537. This is an early Model 600 and I have had many years of enjoyable hunting with this gun. A couple of years ago, while deer hunting in Fredricksburg, Texas, the gun discharged when I put the safety mechanism into the firing position. I am sure you are quite familiar with this problem because of the well publicized lawsuit which Remington lost over a similar incident in which a hunter was seriously injured.

Luckily, being a safe hunter and knowing the proper care and usage of a firearm, the shot went straight up into the trees above me. This incident puzzled me, and I thought that possibly the trigger had caught on something. However, when I talked with some of my relatives, namely Thomas H. Jackson and Robert A. Klein, who have the same gun in 243 caliber, they had similar incidents happen to them.

As Mr. Jackson had written in a previous letter dated February 8, 1982, we took our rifles to be repaired at a certain sporting goods store. They were returned to us with the understanding that they had repaired the problem at no charge.

In the last hunting season, I let my fiancée use this gun. After the hunt, my fiancée was unloading the gun, and as she put the safety forward to unlock the bolt, the gun discharged. The shot blew a hole in the dirt inches from my father's feet. The unexpected discharge also severely bruised my fiancée's hand and arm. On the same hunt, my uncle Robert A. Klein, shot a hole through his Jeep CJ7 when he put the safety mechanism forward.

Best regards,