

April 16, 1982

Mr. Ray Krauthauer  
316 East First St.  
Waconia, Minnesota 55387

Dear Mr. Krauthauer:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 ADL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number 6286468, which you returned to us because "the rifle will fire without pulling the trigger".

The returned firearm, which was produced in October of 1969, has been thoroughly 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 fair, and it was noted a scope mount and sling swivel studs had been added after it originally left our factory. In addition, it was noted that the stock contained numerous mars. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction that was described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made outside our factory. However, our examination did disclose that the entire trigger assembly was full of partially solidified lubricant, to the extent the bolt stop was barely operable.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. We can only assume that the oil accumulation, under the right circumstances, caused the internal trigger parts to hang-up and resulted in the accidental discharge. The Model 700 trigger mechanism is designed not to require any lubrication, and care should be taken to avoid excessive oil or powder solvent getting into the mechanism.