

January 28, 1982

Mr. Louis F. Maden
216 N. Madison St.
Staunton, Virginia 24401

Dear Mr. Maden:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 ADL 270 Win. caliber rifle, serial number 6596747, which you returned to us when it allegedly fired as the safety lever was moved to the "fire" position.

The returned firearm, which was produced in October of 1968, 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 fair, and it was noted that sling-swivel studs and scope bases had been added after it originally left our factory. In addition, it was noted that the stock contained slight marks. 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 incident that was described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjusting screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was within our specifications at 5 pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incidents. It is possible that while you were moving the safety lever from the "safe" position to the "fire" position, you, at the same time inadvertently contacted the trigger. When the safety lever reached the "fire" position, the gun then discharged - as it is designed to do - because the trigger was being pulled with the gun no longer on "safe".