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Dear Mr. Preiser:

I purchased a Remington 700 Model bolt-action 30-06 rifle in 1980. The rifle discharged unexpectedly while I was deer hunting with it a few seasons later. Fortunately, nobody was injured on that occasion. My recollection is that my finger was nowhere near the trigger when the rifle fired, and I was moving the two-position safety forward to the "fire" position so that I could open the bolt and unload the rifle.

I have since heard a number of reports of similar occurrences and have even been made aware of some lawsuits claiming that the model is defective. I reported my experience to your legal department a few years ago, and since then I have received a couple of questionnaires from lawyers representing injured persons who presumably obtained my name from your records. To date, I have ignored those questionnaires.

I have given up deer hunting (largely due to safety concerns) and my only interest with respect to this rifle is to get rid of it in some manner that will protect others from injury and myself from potential liability should it ever again discharge unexpectedly. As I trust you have similar concerns, I propose that I return the rifle to Remington in exchange for some payment of its reasonable value. I would even be willing to accept a shotgun of comparable value in lieu of cash.