

April 25, 1983

Mr. William K. Millsaps
Route 2, Box 220-A
Statesville, North Carolina 28677

Dear Mr. Millsaps:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL Left-Hand 270 Win. caliber rifle, serial number B6271808, which you returned to us because it allegedly fired when the safety was released to facilitate removal of a cartridge from the chamber.

The returned firearm, which was produced in June of 1981, 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.

Our engineers conducted a thorough examination of the trigger mechanism and found all tolerances, including sear-lift and trigger pull, were within our specifications.

Numerous tests conducted in an effort to duplicate the incidents that were reported, showed the rifle to be completely safe. The only way the rifle could be made to fire was by pulling the trigger with the safety in the "fire" position, which is what it was designed to do. On most rifles, regardless of manufacture, if the trigger is inadvertently compressed with the safety switch in the "off" or "fire" position, the rifle will fire. We found that by using this procedure, the gun would fire as expected.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any responsibility or liability for the incidents. However, wishing to be as helpful to our customer as possible, we are, as a gesture of goodwill, replacing your rifle with a new one of like specifications, per your request.

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