

**Bennie:**  
Please return this rifle as received.  
Thank you.  
JMS

bcc: E.F. Barrett  
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D.J. Sanita,

April 13, 1981

Ray's Hardware & Sporting Goods, Co.  
Attn: Mr. Jim Corder  
730 Singleton  
Dallas, Texas 75212

Dear Mr. Corder:

Examination has been completed on your customer's Mohawk 600 243 Win. caliber rifle, serial number 6670105, which you returned to us when it allegedly discharged while standing in a deer blind, loaded, with the safety in the "on safe" position, with no one touching it.

The returned firearm, which was produced in October of 1973, 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 a scope base and sling-swivel studs had been added after it originally left our factory. Also, it was noted that this rifle was subject to the Model 600 recall and that the recall modifications had been performed, as evidenced by the "V" stamped on the trigger. In addition, it was noted that there were slight marks on the metal and wood. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace normal, recoil shoulders normal, and chamber normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly, which included leaving the rifle cocked, with the safety on "safe", and an empty chamber, standing in a corner for two (2) weeks, 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 adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our factory. Trigger pull was well within our specifications at 4½ pounds.