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October 9, 1989

Mr. Joe Ross R.D. #2, Box 216 Dunbar, PA 15431

Dear Mr. Ross:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL LH 7mm Rem. Mag. caliber rifle, serial number A6511590, that you returned to us because "the rifle fires when closing the bolt."

The returned firearm, which was produced in October of 1977, has been thoroughly examined and found to contain our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all necessary tests and inspections before being shipped from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be very good, however, it was noted that the stock contained some dents and scratches. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber all to be normal. Trigger pull was measured to be 3-1/2 pounds and sear-lift with the safety in the "on-safe" position was within our specifications at .0085".

Initial testing and functioning of the rifle, in its as-received condition, revealed that trigger retraction was not positive nor complete to return it fully to the forward position. Sometimes, the bolt would not cock, but the firing pin would simply followdown on the bolt cocking cam as the bolt was closed.

Subsequent disassembly of the rifle revealed that the underside of the barrel, action and trigger assembly were dripping wet with excessive oil, and also the inside of the trigger assembly was contaminated with partially solidified oil (?) to the degree that the internal trigger parts were not moving freely nor properly. In