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Gentlemen:

Examination has been completed on your customer's, Mr. Mark P. Dorner, Model 700 RDL 243 Win. caliber rifle, serial number A6535647, which you returned to us when it allegedly "discharged" of it's own accord, while standing in a corner with the safety on.

The returned firearm, which was produced in December of 1977, 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 had been mounted after it originally left our factory. In addition, it was noted that there were slight marks on the stock and bright scratches on the muzzle end of the barrel, and the floor plate was marred. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace normal, recoil shoulders normal, and chamber normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly, including leaving the rifle cocked, with an empty chamber, standing in a corner for two (2) weeks, could not duplicate the incident you have 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 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 incident. We can only assume that accidental contact was made with the trigger, with the safety in the "fire" position, causing the rifle to fire.