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MOHAWK MODEL 600, ETC.

The John Coates case, involving the accidental discharge of a Mohawk Model 600, was settled today for \$6,800,000. Remington's investigation into the case indicated that it was unlikely that the gun fired without the trigger being pulled, but that it was possible due to the fact that the safety selector and the trigger can be manipulated in a way that subsequently moving the selector to fire can lead to an accidental discharge. In light of the ramifications of this case, the Subcommittee decided to recommend to the President that the Mohawk Model 600, as well as the guns with similar trigger assemblies, Remington Model 600 and 660 and the XP-100, which were manufactured before February, 1975, should be recalled.

Since the guns can be fixed by the substitution of a new trigger assembly, the Subcommittee determined that the most expeditious method to affect this correction would be to refer gun owners to the nearest Remington recommended gunsmith in their area.

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The Subcommittee, therefore, adopted the following recommendations to implement the proposed recall:

1. Marketing should contact selected gunsmiths throughout the country and solicit their aid in the recall. Production should make available adequate supplies of trigger assemblies. Public Relations should prepare a news release to be delivered to the major wire services.
2. Marketing should prepare notices to Remington distributors and dealers soliciting their assistance in tracing gun owners.
3. A message center should be established in Atlanta, Georgia, with a toll-free number, which would refer callers to the nearest recommended gunsmith.
4. Research should begin an examination of all bolt action rifle trigger assemblies, including competitive models, to determine if there was a possible safety problem with other bolt action assemblies which had not yet come to Remington's attention.

(Secretary's Note: Subsequently on October 23, 1978, the President approved these recommendations.)

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