

PRODUCT SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 1978

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MOHAWK MODEL 600, ETC.

Starting on the evening of October 23, the television media and the press gave wide coverage to the Cortes settlement. The following day's stories contained Remington's news release announcing the recall program. (See Exhibit A).

Public Relations is to obtain copies of these televised news broadcasts aired over the national networks which carried news of the recall, along with data concerning the areas reached by these broadcasts and the audience rating for each of these broadcasts. Public Relations also will obtain clippings of press items on the subject.

It was reported that the message unit which was set up in Atlanta, Georgia, was extremely busy with calls. It was decided that toll-free WATS lines should be set up in Ilion and in Bridgeport in order to handle recall complaints and those questions the Atlanta unit could not answer.

Available former assemblies are to be sent to Texas, where the factory can be contacted and from where most of the calls received by Atlanta were coming. Those not recontacted are to be dispatched

to Texas to review the replacement procedures being utilized by the recommended gunsmiths.

Production of any new McHawk 600's is to be suspended so that 600 fire controls will be available for the recall correction. Available trigger assemblies will be allocated on a where-most-needed basis.

R. B. Sperling
Acting Secretary

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IMMEDIATELY

RELEASE

BRIDGEPORT, Ct., October 25, 1978 -- Remington Arms Company, Inc., announced today that under certain unusual circumstances on some of its center fire bolt action firearms, the safety selector and trigger could be manipulated in such a way that subsequently moving the selector to the fire position could result in accidental discharge. Remington firearms involved are Model 600, 660 and Mohawk 600 rifles and XP-100 pistols manufactured prior to February 1975.

The difficulty can be corrected by installation of a new trigger assembly. In view of the potential safety hazard, the Company is recalling all of these guns produced prior to February 1975 for inspection and modification as required.

Efforts are being made to contact owners of these guns. Individuals who have Model 600, 660 and Mohawk 600 rifles or XP-100 pistols involved in the recall should write to Remington Arms Company, Inc., Bridgeport, CT 06602, or call the following toll-free number for information on procedures:

In all states except Georgia:

800-241-8444 - Ask for Operator 61

In Georgia:

800-242-1333 - Ask for Operator 61

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Customers should give the operator the model and serial numbers of their gun when calling.

Serial numbers involved in the recall are as follows:

Remington Model 600s -From Serial #0001 to 131,552

Remington Model 660s -From Serial #0001 to 131,552

Mohawk 600s -From Serial #6,200,000 to 6,899,999

Remington Model 660s -From Serial #6,200,000 to 6,899,999

Remington XP-100 -From Serial #0001 to 11,000

-From Serial #7,500,000 to 7,507,983

BRIDGEPORT, Ct., October 25, 1978 -- On October 23, 1978, a product liability case against Remington Arms Company, Inc., and one of its dealers was settled for \$6,800,000 by Remington's insurance carriers. The case involved an alleged accidental discharge of a Mohawk Model 600 rifle manufactured by Remington. Injuries to the plaintiff were extremely serious, leaving him partially paralyzed. The plaintiff alleged that at the time the gun fired the trigger was not pulled. Remington's investigation indicated that this was unlikely but possible due to the fact that under certain unusual circumstances the safety selector and trigger could be manipulated in such a way that subsequently moving the selector to the fire position could result in accidental discharge. Settlement costs are substantially covered by the Company's liability insurance.

A recall program has been initiated in connection with Mohawk Model 600 rifles and Remington Model 600 and 660 rifles and XP-100 pistols manufactured prior to February 1975.

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