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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Bridgeport, Connecticut
April 21, 1981

TO: R. B. Sperling
FROM: E. C. Larson
SUBJECT: SAAMI - NSSF SAFETY ADVERTISING

E. F. Barrett called today (April 20, 1981), advising that W. Horn (President of Federal) has contacted J. P. McAndrews about an extension of the above program beyond the ten items already covered in the media and contained in the SAAMI booklet.

He feels additional items will dilute the ten originally selected.

E. F. Barrett has asked me to comment on each of four new items from a complaint and practical view and R. B. Sperling from a legal standpoint.

He then suggested that we have J. Glas hold a product safety meeting, and in discussing with Joe, he asked that we have our information available for the April 24 safety meeting. After that discussion, we are to advise J. P. McAndrews and E. F. Barrett of our combined opinions.

It was my opinion from the start of this program, that we would select ten items we felt were most important, and get them out to the public. Once that was done, based on complaint and legal experience, we would suggest others to SAAMI and that this would be a continuing program. By so doing, we would be in a stronger position legally because we could show the industry did publicize these many safety items.

A couple of weeks ago, E. F. Barrett/J. P. McAndrews sent me a letter to the Executive Committee from SAAMI with the four new items, and they asked for comments, which I supplied. I do not have the full wording of each, but basically they related to the following:

1. Obtain and read fully the Owner's Manual.
2. Use proper cartridge or shell in the gun chambered for it.
3. Periodic maintenance check of firearms.
4. Never alter or modify a firearm.

Don't want gun!

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I will list my comments based on complaints, etc. in the order listed.

1. (a) We have guns returned to our Arms Service Section and Gunsmiths improperly assembled.
- (b) Nylon 66's came back as basket cases because they failed to read manual.
- (c) Calls to our Consumer Service Section asking how to load or unload, how to clean, how to sight in, etc.
2. (a) Many, many instances of 12-20 bursts.
- (b) The 7MM Exp. vs. 7MM Mag. fiasco.
3. (a) Oils and grease varnish up with age effecting trigger and gear movement.
- (b) Wear and tear on critical parts.
- (c) On used guns: Was former owner an amateur gunsmith?
4. (a) We see sears, hammer notches and other critical parts altered to the point where they are unsafe.
- (b) Change caliber of guns by rebaring, etc.

I will discuss remainder on my return April 27.

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