xc: W. E. Leek G. W. Martin GTON ARMS COMPANY. INC. C. F. Prosser CONFINELYOU: LETTER TO ONE SUBJECT ONLY"\_ Ilion, New York March 25, TO: FROM: E. MARTIN SUBJECT: <del>Sé</del>rial #623088 Cal. 243 Win. CUSTOMER COMPLAINT <del>FIRES WHEN</del> SAFE<del>-1S</del> RELEASED Gun was received from Arms Service approximately March 15, 1976, for examination by Research personnel. Retple involved in the examination were C. F. Prosser, J. P. Linde and F. E. Martin. It was noted at the beginning of the examination that the fire control has been readjusted. As evidence, the removal of sedlant from the front of the Fire Control Housing, Trigger Adjusting Screw and Trigger Stop Screw and the improper reassembly of the Safety Snap Washer. The examination of the Fire Control continued with complete disassembly. It was then noted that a "sticky" brown residue was present on all internal parts. There were a number of small netal chips removed from ins the housing. In addition to the above parts, exemination of the following was made: Trigger Pull -  $3 - 3 \cdot 1/4 \# (3 - 5 \cdot Fac. Spec.)$ Fire Control Housing Damaged - No Alignment of Firing Pin Cock Notch - Acceptable Bolt Alteration - Cock notch area shows some alteration Binding of Firing Pin Head in Receiver or Fire Control Housing No Free Movement of Trigger - Trigger shows some signs of rubbing. Trigger Connector - Moves freely on trigger - Some alterations made to sear surface by stoning or grinding. PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT AL 0023418 3088

J. P. Linde F. E. Martin 00 #623088 Cal. 243 Win. 3/25/76 Customer Complaint - Fired When Safe is Released Page 2 It is felt by C. F. Prosser and F. E. Martin that a fires on safe release condition did exist. It is also felt that the combination of connector alteration chips and residue were directly responsible for the malfunction. The fire control has been replaced and the faulty one retained for case referance. FEMartin:bd Ilion Research Division AL 0023419