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Attn: Mr. E.S. McCawley

Dear Mr. McCawley:

I was glad to read your letter to Gun Week. Only I think there should never have had to be a reason for writing one. In the first place that claim should never had been paid. Remington's name was at stake. Regardless what the insurance company was willing to do, Remington should have made a thorough investigation of the gun.

I am talking from experience as a gunsmith for about 35 years. Lever actions, slide actions, bolt actions and automatics regardless of make can fire without pulling the trigger when the loaded cartridge is pumped into the chamber. The big offender are those who are trying to make a hair trigger, and believe me that is the biggest villain of all. Then they bring them in and are crying that their gun goes off without pulling the trigger. I ran across this more with the old winchester 70 than any other gun, although I have had about every gun made with this problem at one time or another. The guns that have the screw adjustments, the coil springs being shortened, dirt and once in a while a broken sear notch.

Since 1970, I have done very little gunsmithing. This was due to an offer I got from a company to buy out their stock of outboard parts and keep their service on the motor they manufactured going. I got it so cheap that I couldn't resist and it has been one of the best things that ever came my way.

I was on Remingtons recommended list for many years. Last year due to some difficulties I had my name removed; I knew many of the former and probably some are still working, men from the service department. I pushed remington guns and carried a good supply of parts for servicing just about all. I can say nothing but good for my dealings with Remington. Of all the gun companies I had dealings with, Remington was the best.

At least I am glad you are letting the public know about the 6.8 million dollar settlement. Again I say, Too bad it was paid.

Sincerely
Joe Jackson
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