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Mr. Dick Key  
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Mineral Bluff, Georgia 30559-0303

Dear Mr. Key:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 ADL 22-250 Rem. caliber rifle, serial number A6850932, which you returned to us because it allegedly fired when you released the safety.

The returned firearm, which was produced in December of 1979, has been thoroughly examined by our firearms experts who report that it contained our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all our necessary tests prior to shipment from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be very good, but it was noted that the stock did contain slight dents and mars. In addition, it was noted that scope-mount bases had been added to the rifle. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction that was reported. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjusting screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our factory. Trigger pull was well within our specifications at  $4\frac{1}{4}$  -  $3\frac{3}{4}$  pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc. cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the reported incident, as the rifle and trigger assembly operate properly and cannot be made to malfunction. We only can assume that accidental contact was made with the trigger, with the safety in the "fire" position, which caused the rifle to fire.

We do want to be as helpful to you as possible and, as a gesture of good-will, even though there is nothing wrong with the present trigger

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assembly, we can replace it with a new one that will allow opening and closing the bolt while the safety is in the "on safe" position, at no-charge, to insure that your faith in the rifle is restored, or, the rifle can be returned to you in the same condition as received. We will await your decision and reply.

Thank you for allowing us to examine the rifle and to be of service to you.

Sincerely,

J.A. Stekl, Supervisor  
Product Service

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