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Response (Laura) 2/13/2001 2:03:36 PM

At 02/13/2001 10:58 AM we wrote -

Dear Mr. Rihn,

Thank you for this information and for your support. Below is the
response that we provided to CBS regarding the broadcast.

The first Remington rifle was manufactured more than 180 years ago. Over
this long history, Remington has taken great care in designing and
manufacturing high quality firearms and ammunition and in educating
hunters and other sport shooters in the safe use of those products.

For nearly 40 years, the Remington Model 700 bolt-action rifle has been
one of America's premier hunting rifles. Four million Model 700 s have
been purchased by hunters, target shooters and law enforcement agencies
across the United States, and it is widely considered the most accurate
"out of the box" bolt action rifle on the market, when used following the
rules of safe gun handling, including proper maintenance, always keeping
the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and not inappropriately altering
the mechanism, the Remington Model 700 is a safe and reliable rifle.

The entire Remington family is saddened by the tragic death of Gus Barber,
and we extend our condolences to the Barber family. Remington prefers not
to comment on pending or potential litigation. However, we do think it
important to note that the rifle involved in the Barber shooting was
manufactured in 1972 and, as we understand, acquired by Mr. Barber used 10
to 12 years ago.

Several weeks after the accident, representatives from Remington and the
Barbers conducted a preliminary examination of both the condition and the
performance of the rifle. Among other abnormal conditions, the inspection
found the inside of the rifle to be heavily rusted, and the trigger
engagement screw, safety lever and fire control mechanism all had been
either adjusted or removed and reinstalled after the rifle left the
factory. As to its performance, the rifle passed all the function tests
performed in this preliminary inspection, and fired only when the
mechanical safety was in the "fire" position and the trigger was pulled.

In light of this tragic accident, Remington will be redoubling its efforts
to educate hunters in the safe use and proper maintenance of the rifle and
of all firearms. In this regard, we urge our customers to consult our
website at www.remington.com, and to contact Remington at 800/243-9700 if
they have any questions about the safe use of any Remington product.

Customer (Gary Rihn) 2/11/2001 12:17:18 PM

This may not be the right place for this, but it was the only place that I
could find to email something to you.

I have been following the Barber case, involving an AD of a M700. You may
be interested in checking out www.huntamerica.com, for some info about the
incident. It seems that Jack Belk, an "expert witness", chose to float the
case in front of a bunch of shooters. A bunch of us soundly rejected his
opinions, and for that, a few of us were even banned from the site. You
have more support out there, & you can see a good bit of it on this site.
In particular, go to Gun Ownership & Politics, Gun Safety, Riflesmithing
forums. Good luck in your case.