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Mr. Robert D. Larrabee,
P. O. Box 169,
Clarkston, Washington 99403

Dear Mr. Larrabee:

Since your letter of March 8th was received a week ago, I have renewed my interest in the 2 antique cars which I own stored here in Wallace. I note your desires and the alternate suggestions made; I am certainly interested in pursuing them further. The question that I must decide is whether the time has about been reached when I either will have these cars restored to operating condition or make other arrangements.

Several years ago the Spokane Antique Car Society learned of these two autos and gave me some publicity. It resulted in quite an influx of visitors for a year or two, most of whom were determined to buy them or to arrange to restore them under some terms and conditions, even for my account. Certainly those that have this hobby are practically all very intense sort of individuals.

You do not mention in your letter the mechanical restoration involved including engine overhaul and cleaning up the transmissions and differentials. I do not expect that much would be required mechanically for the Locomobile as it was only run some 12,000 or 15,000 miles.

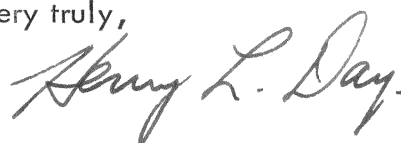
However, the Cunningham car has passed the 100,000 mile mark, as I recall, and some of them were difficult miles at that. I expect that I drove it more than half of that distance myself. Toward the end of its usage here in this area, considerable trouble was experienced with broken rear axles. I believe the one installed now is of alloy steel which was a rather expensive replacement part. The one man who would be familiar with this difficulty passed away here several years ago.

I have considerable information regarding these cars including the original purchase prices, etc. The Locomobile is a 1916 Cabriolet convertible body, M-7, Chassis #11929. It was purchased through the Spokane dealer, Healey by name. Extras included a cigar lighter at \$6.75 and a folding table at \$39.

The Cunningham is a 1919 or 1920 model. It was delivered and paid for in January, 1920, in San Francisco. We have not been able to locate the original bill of sale. It is an enclosed drive Limousine, Model 64, Serial #V2279.

If I were to arrange with you to renovate either one or both of these cars at \$9 per hour shop time plus materials, what would be your rough estimate of the cost of each?

Yours very truly,



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March 25, 1974
Robert D. Larrabee
P.O. Box 169
Clarkston, Wash. 99403

Mr. Henry L. Day
P.O. Box 930
Wallace, Idaho 83873

Dear Mr. Day:

Your letter arrived while I was out of town for a few day, thus my delay in answering.

As to your question on mechanical restoration; we have two of the most qualified men in the area working in that department. One is a licensed aviation mechanic with 30 years experience and the other has owned his own machine shop for about the same length of time. Both of these men have just retired and will do my work at their convenience. Both are antique car collectors themselves and do have the old car hobby at heart.

Your next question is a difficult one but as to a rough estimate the following would be my guess based upon your description of the two cars and what I could see from the surface.

LOCOMOBILE

Body and chassis(includes mechanical)	\$1800
New Interior	900
Plating (Nickel)	500
New Tires	400
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	\$3600

CUNNINGHAM

Engine	\$ 850
Other mechanical	350
Interior	1200
Plating	1000
Body & Paint (general restoration)	1400
Tires (6 white)	500
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	\$5300

This is just an estimate but I feel it should be close.

I want to thank you for considering us with the care of these valuable cars and if we work out a plan I assure you they will be dealt with in the highest regard.

Yours truly,

Bob Larrabee

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\$1200

August 19

Mr. Henry Day
Wallace, Idaho

Dear Mr. Day:

We have been working on the Cunningham for a couple of weeks now.

We found one cracked head which looks as if it can be repaired quite easily.

The engine appears better than we thought it would be but it hasn't been taken all the way down at this time.

The rear end needs some new bearings but the gears appear to be O.K.

The head lights have a number of small cracks which we are welding and sanding before they are sent to be plated.

As of the 16th of August we have 80 hours logged on the Cunningham.

We are pleased with the way things are going.

The total as of the 16th of August is:

80 hrs. at \$9.00	=	\$720.00
6 new White Wall Tires	=	<u>480.00</u>
		\$1,200.00

If you would like I would be happy to put all or a portion of the restoration charges for the Cunningham toward some arrangement on the Locomobile.

Yours truly,

BOB LARRABEE,
P. O. Box 169,
Clarkston, Washington 99403

1919 CUNNINGHAM RESTORATION

Paid to Robert Larrabee:

8/28/74	\$ 1,200.00
9/30/74	2,920.00
11/19/74	1,640.81
11/28/74	2,589.84
2/7/ 75	1,805.00
3/14/75	1,188.00
4/ 9/75	1,967.50
5/ 8/75	2,124.00
6/12/75	2,055.50
8/ 8/75	<u>2,008.40</u>
	\$ 19,499.05

Paid to Dido Upholstery:

7/ 9/75	<u>528.64</u>
	<u>\$ 20,027.69</u>

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