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Dear Ken;

I enjoyed talking to you on the telephone the other day and am only sorry that we could not have talked in person. Since my conversation with you it has become increasingly evident that your "Autocar" letter cannot go unanswered. The letter has caused a good deal of comment, to such an extent, in fact, that our hand is being forced.

However, we would prefer not to take public issue with you over the letter, especially in view of your comment to me that you would not have written such a letter after our N.Y. dinner meeting. Therefore, although a reply has been composed, we prefer not to send it to "Autocar" until hearing from you as to your decision with respect to a reply coming direct from you. I would very much appreciate hearing from you by collect cable in care of the Plaza Athénée Hotel, Ave. Montaigne, Paris.

Specifically, SCCA has never "petitioned" F.I.A. for direct recognition - it has ~~merely~~ merely unofficially and verbally investigated the matter of direct recognition, nothing more. We also feel that the last three paragraphs of your letter are not completely in accord with or

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representative of the situation as it exists. However, there is little point in going into all the details in a letter of this kind. I am writing you in the hopes that you will see fit to send some sort of alleviating letter to Mr. J. A. Cooper for publication, as all of us would much prefer not to get involved in battle of letters in the British press and of much more importance, we would far rather have you as a happy and contented member of SCCA.

So much for that, We have been having troubles with the Cunninghams and, although things look black at the moment, we are in hopes that all three cars will be on the line to-morrow ready to "put up a good show." We should do fairly well if the cars hold together. Mercedes + Jaguar appear to be the competition. Alpha and Pegaso did not show. Everyone sends regards.

Best,

Fred Wacker