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Dear Dr. Porsche:

I have just received your letter of April 15th telling me about the silver replica of the Porsche car you have sent me. I hardly know how to thank you for such a magnificent gift! I certainly appreciate it very much, and will treasure this model always.

I hope Von Hanstein enjoyed the Sebring Race, and I am truly sorry he didn't win the Index of Performance, and beat the OSCA. I think it was a very interesting race, as there were so many of the best cars competing, and the finishes were so close after 12 hours!

Herbert Linge has gone all over my car, which is in our shop in New York, and put back my original engine, with the higher compression pistons. It is all ready to race again now, and he did a very thorough job. I want to thank you very much for his services, as I understand the factory is taking care of his expenses. I would be happy to pay you for his services while working on my Spyder, if you will send me the bill. We all like Herbert over here, and he is an excellent representative of your firm to have in this country.

Can you tell me anything about a special bodied Volkswagen that was on exhibit at the Geneva Show? There are some photos of a cabriolet and a coupe in the April issue of the French "L'Automobile". The

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body builder is Beutler de Thun, and I imagine he is Swiss. The article says that on request, these cars can be supplied with Porsche engines and brakes. No price is quoted. Any information would be very welcome, and even the builder's address would help. As you probably know, the Volkswagen is becoming very popular in certain parts of the U.S.A. I just bought one, and am installing a Porsche America engine in it, as this combination makes a wonderful little car for our conditions. The car needs more power than the standard engine provides as it is lacking in acceleration, which is so important for our driving conditions. The body has the extra seating capacity that is lacking in the Porsche.

Please give my best to Von Hanstein, and I am looking forward to seeing you both again at Le Mans.

Sincerely yours,

Briggs S. Cunningham

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