

Louis Chevrolet Machine Shop

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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Mr. James S. Booth,
Room 1307 Stroh Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Booth:

Answering your telegram of the 20th beg to advise the best way to handle the building of a sample motor or complete car satisfactorily to all would be at the cost of labor, material and overhead plus fifteen percent, the overhead to include \$250.00 a week for my services.

The motor alone I believe, could be built in about ten or twelve weeks at an approximate cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000 and the complete car between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The figures given are approximate and you realize it is very difficult to tell you an exact cost unless I make it high enough to take care of any emergency. But, if you should decide to go ahead in this way, everything would be taken care of in the books which you would have access to at any time. (This system was used when I built racing motors and cars for the Scheel Motors Company of St. Louis, and it proved very satisfactory. I built four complete cars for them for a total expenditure of \$44,000.00 and the cars were completed in twenty-four weeks. This included engineering costs.)

Regarding terms, you to keep us with a bank balance of at least \$3,000 and as the expenditures come, you to furnish us whatever money is necessary to meet the bills at the end of each month. Of course, the first month will not require much money but the end of the second and third months will be the heaviest in case we build the motor only, and the third and fourth months in case we build the complete car.

If you wished, you could have one of your men up here who could see that everything is made according to specifications and also carried along as fast and as economically as possible.

Yours very truly,

Louis Chevrolet

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