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15th March, 1973.

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Dear Mr. Lee,

Re: Aston Martin LML/49/4 - UMC 272

We were extremely pleased to have your letter of the 14th March with the enclosed photograph. You'll probably be interested to know that, two days before, we had a letter from the present owner of LMA/49/3, which now lives in Canada - it's been quite a week for good news.

What we have actually discovered are some large colour transparencies of both UMC 272 and VMG 606. We have loaned one of UMC to someone who is making some prints, and the other is with Alan Archer. We are trying to get some colour prints from it, but the cost of producing prints from so large a format is considerable, and so we are looking around for a more reasonable quotation. I'll let you know as soon as we've done the deal.

From the photograph you've sent, it is evident that its looks have changed though the general layout is correct. The colour ~~looks~~ was rather like Dubonnet, and I believe that a large leather strap secured a heavily louvred bonnet panel. The whole car has a very light and "agressive" air about it, an impression wholly absent in the later production DB 2's. The headlamps are right, but we must help you find the original type of sidelamp.

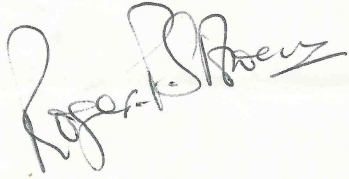
At the moment, we can add nothing to your own knowledge of its history. Our problem here is that there are so very few people still here who were really "in the know", in the early days, but we are going to do our best to rebuild the histories of the earlier cars which are attracting a great deal of interest.

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I hope your leg mends soon ^{and} ~~though~~ I'm sorry you'll miss the
Martini - we can't wait to hear that engine start again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.P. Stowers". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized, with the first letters being larger and more prominent.

R.P. STOWERS
Special Representative