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Dear Bud,

As I think I told you, I let Lil decide whether or not we would accept your kind offer. She finally decided not to.

Her reasons were what had troubled me. I'd not only given my word, I'd signed a contract.

Moreover, Hood has planned a new library and the plans include provisions for this and other deposits they may get in the future. They are raising money for the library now and hope to have it completed in a couple of years.

I do appreciate your offer because the probability is that -il will outlive me. While we make out now, it will not be easy if something happens to either one of us and we have just dipped into our reserves, which are not abundant, for a new furnace and a new car. The latter just yesterday and I'll get it early next week.

The car deal probably won't interest you but Jim might want to know. After two months of patient inquiry and trying cars and discovering new forms of fraud and mendacity I spoke to a Dodge dealer, friend of a friend, about 15-20 miles away. He and I suppose some other Chrysler dealers get to bid on new cars slightly damaged and repaired after shipment and others Chrysler has used, by Chrysler. Depending on the use, these cars have factory guarantees. Those used more get, instead of the 7year or 70,000 miles as little as 5 and 50,000. All are said to be gone over by Chrysler so they can be guaranteed safely.

I was, I think, lucky. He got me a Plymouth Reliant, top of line model, with larger motor and other extras. The cost is almost \$3,000 less than the local Dodge dealer wanted for an equivalent Aries, \$7225. and it has the full guarantee, 7/70,000.

Seems like a nice guy, too. The dealer himself brought it up to drive me the trip, which would be the outer limit for me. And after I agreed to buy it he told me that if I need service or for regular servicing I'd not have to take the car to him, he'll have it <sup>picked</sup> up and returned. Then he gave me the card of his new sales manager. He used to be that for the local Dodge dealer and when he was, before -il got to be a notary, he executed my FOIA affidavits and would never accept any payment. Turns out he also lives near us.

The reason I don't have the car now is that he wants to wash and wax it first and check it over himself. When we drove it he though he felt something in the brakes.

The car looks good, unused and we liked it when we tried it out. It is an 87 and the cost is less than the cheapest of the cheap cars around here, even the bottom of the line stick shifts. So, I think I was lucky.

For any others who can get something like this, the guarantee is the factory guarantee that any dealer honors.

again thanks.

Best to you all,

  
Harold Weisberg