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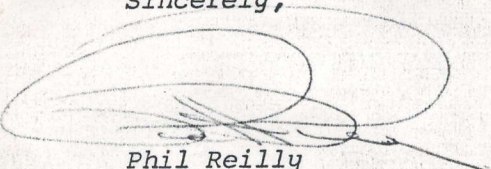
March 17, 1992

RE: 1963 Lotus 23B

To Whom It May Concern:

I have personally inspected and appraised a 1963 Lotus 23B #64/206 (no engine serial number), belonging to Michael Callaham, which has been restored and is in excellent cosmetic and mechanical condition. I am very active in vintage motor-car racing and restoration and have restored many comparable cars. I am also very familiar with the vintage race car market. Based on the car's condition, history, and my experience, I would appraise the car at a market value of \$100,000.

Sincerely,



Phil Reilly
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7th May, 1992.

Dear Michael,

Please find as promised the photos requested on your 23B, also included is the invoice for the photos etc.

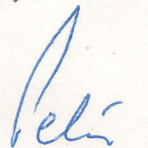
These photos show the car: 2 off (with body) at Brands Hatch, driver Alan Brownlee in 1979/80. The other photo is in Brownlees' workshop exactly as I purchased it on behalf of Mike Harrison in March '81. He sold it to a Mr. David Hodgkinson of B. B. Brothers of Birmingham in '81 when it was rebuilt by Ray Concar - phone No. 0902 337998.

When I purchased the car it was less motor and top bodywork. I did however purchase a good spec. used twin cam that had been in a Protos F.2 car, this then went with the 23B.

However, despite the strange chassis plate that it has, it has certainly been with the car since 1980. I can assure you the car is genuine and has been known to me since being owned by Alan Brownlee in late 70's.

Best regards,

Peter.



P.S. Re: invoice, we take credit cards if this is more convenient.

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Dear Mr Callahan,

FWC./JEC

16th September 1992.

Thank you for your cheque. I have enclosed the drawings that should be useful to you. With these drawings now you should be able to repair or farm out any slight damage that may occur to the chassis.

Regarding the no of 23 & 23b chassis, I can only repeat the fact that Progress Chassis Co Ltd built, including works cars, at least 150 23 & 23b. As Arch Motors closed down without any public notice (not to my knowledge any way) I don't know exactly when they started on 23s, they were building mainly for two or three small firms and also for Brabhams, as far as I know they built mainly single seaters.

I repeat my statement that there were at one time about 300 MK 23 Frames about as 3 different people were building one off's, but not exactly to Lotus drawings, as I was the only firm that for a long time were contracted to Lotus.

I trust this information is useful to you and please do not hesitate to contact me further if you have any further problems.

Yours faithfully,

Frank Coltman
.....Frank Coltman. C.G.L.I.

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Dear Mr Callahan,

Thank you for your letter & photos received.

I have sorted out my drawings of 23 and 23B mods. I can get copies of the three drawings which will cost you £55 sterling , this includes all my time spent researching your project.

On receipt of your payment in sterling we will post the copy drawings air mail on to you, with the ink on dimensions of the Le Mans out rigging, they are only copies 1/5th scale to make them easier to post. I am sure you can sort out the differences in your chassis and with the help of these drawings can make sure it is or can be made a genuine Lotus ' Born ' 23 b.

Sorry to have totell you, but your car is not a Le Mans Car, as only three of these cars were built and their whereabouts are known.

Yours Sincerely,

.....*Frank Coltman* Frank Coltman.

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Dear Mr Callahan,

The drawings I referred to in my previous letter are a Complete chassis, Drawing No 8067 Date printed 22/6/61. It lists all modifications made from that date up to 20 / 9 / 63. You will need a magnifying glass to read all the modifications.

Drawing 8601 sheet 7 shows the modifications in detail dated 4/4/62 read in connection with 8607 22/6/61.

Drawing 8601 15/3/62 sheet 5.

This gives and shows details of oil System through frame tubes, seat mtgs & belt mtgs.

You will be able to see any improvements that were made over the time the modifications date.

All the modifications were direct from the drg office & are signed by the draughtsman/ desingers involved. You may well find some difference between your chassis and these drawings. This is because at Lotus there was a running scheme to keep up to date with every new idea of Colin Chapman and his team - life was very hectic in those days. With regard to payment I would much prefer to be paid in sterling.

Yours sincerely

Frank Coltman
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