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PHILADELPHIA 1, PA.

October 22nd, 1948.

Dr. John P. Roberts, President,
The Museum of Transport,
304 Belt Avenue,
St. Louis 12, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Roberts:

With further reference to your letter of October 16th, I am enclosing a full description of the "Black Diamond" which will give you all the measurements for clearances, etc. Also, you will find a photograph of the engine.

I note what you say about the Wabash and it is immaterial to us the route taken provided proper clearances are maintained as the engine is too old to be shipped on wheels.

Land light
Our people have suggested that the route should be Rdg-WM-B&O-MP. However, please designate what route you desire and also advise whether you have contacted the various Freight Traffic Departments for free movement under Section 22 of the I.C.C. Act or whether you desire us to do so.

Suggest you return the contract as there still are a number of points which our Legal Department has to clear before the engine can be shipped. I do not believe there will be any unnecessary delay.

Glad to note you had such a fine time on the Frisco!
With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

I. L. Gordon,
Publicity Manager

P.S. - Are you still interested in purchasing one of the old "Camelbacks"? We cannot possibly make a donation of one of these engines or put it on loan as it is necessary to retire them via the scrap-pile. I have checked with our people and find that the scrap value runs from approximately \$4,300 to \$5,700, depending on class. If you are interested, let me know as we are retiring several engines in the near future.