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Subject: PRODUCTION CAR RACING

Reference: Your letter #387 of November 10, 1969
My letter #393 of November 7, 1969
Your letter #359 of October 28, 1969

Dear Walt:

Thank you very much for the additional racetrack information and Bathurst results. It sounds like there was one hell of a race, especially the first lap. Al Turner, who was mentioned as Ford Race Adviser, is officially Manager - Australian Racing Activities. You might like some of his background, since his team is prime competition. He is an old time dragster man from the Detroit area. In 1965 he became manager of the Mercury Comet-Funny Car Team, which virtually dominated this activity in 1966. As a Ramcharger, I ran across him several times a month during the racing season. I might add a personal comment that Al is the only person Ford has that ever put together a winning national drag race team.

The charts on Sandown and Warwick Farm provide reinforcement to the statement about car handling in my letter of November 7. The Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes of October 30 mention the creation of a Competitions Department. If I interpret the paragraph correctly, these drivers have been signed to drive Valiants. I certainly hope we can put these men in superior equipment next year.

Sincerely,

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