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Dear Mike:

Several weeks ago, I asked Norm Johnstone to come up with a schematic model or actual "dead bolt" door lock from a 1993 or earlier BMW. The purpose was to evaluate the security system of the BMW automobile, in preparation for a meeting with BMW engineers, and offer our opinions on the effectiveness of the anti-theft systems in the BMW line.

I was quite surprised, and pleased, when Norm came up with "Steve-Guard", a video tape covering the details of the BMW's dead bolt locking system. I asked Norm how he managed to come up with this gem and he said you were responsible for the coup.

As I think back, you have been responsible for many contributions to the task of educating specific members of our organization since we first met in December, 1990. Of course, the major effort centered about the filming of an advanced instructional video in which you taught our field representatives how to spot the various methods of auto theft, real or fraudulent.

You also supplied us with many "hands on" lock and key samples, manuals, handbooks, technical articles, and lock picking paraphernalia to use in our in-house investigators training sessions. There were also many quick telephone consultations regarding actual field cases being examined with an eye towards potential fraud.

Mike, for these and all of the other auto theft related instances where you have helped us through, with your technical knowledge and actual experiences, a much belated "THANK YOU".

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "BC Parr/kg".

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cc: Norm Johnstone