

Monday,

Good to talk with you yesterday...or was it Saturday. Look forward to a batch of pix as promised.

Well, my four ESCAPE ROAD pieces have all run in AutoWeek. They did a quite satisfactory job in editing them to fit the one-page format... except for the last, best, and most important one. That was dealt with by a real incompetent. I'm glad I sent you a copy of the original.

Time out for the building inspector to check out the new (unsatisfactory) roof job.

He agrees it was a completely unprofessional job using the wrong material for a roof with so little pitch and that he did not do all the contract called for. So I guess we will sue him to get back what we have paid him and for him to remove what he put down. Tres disturbing. Have better things to do. And even with a judgment we may not be able to collect from him.

Oh, after talking with you I looked at the rest of F/X and decided it wasn't as good as I thought it would be from seeing the first half. The things "Effectos" did weren't all that spectacular or surprising. Indeed, pretty pedestrian..even if he was in a van. Also several illogical things that destroyed the believeability. Such as when he shoots the make-believe Mafiosa but his gun has real bullets instead of blanks. He would never have used the gun without checking the cartridges after someone else was seen to handle the revolver...but more important....he fired five shots, REAL cartridges, and thought they were blanks!!!! First shot fired would have told him it was not a blank from the vast difference in recoil. A couple of other silly errors like that. None of which YOU, of course, would have made!

Was turned down by BMW on a proposal for the 101st Crossing. Only Volvo (deal on the new 780 Bertone with a Turbodiesel engine)/. <sup>remains.</sup> Maybe I ought to go see FIAT-Lancia-ALFA for a deal and use of the of their Turbodiesel new Group Four cars (like the new SAAB 9000s). Would be happy to but Alfa here seems in total disaray and may be so for ~~months~~ <sup>months</sup> yet even if the FIAT buy-in has been approved by the Government. Hey! Talk to me before you go to England....it would be helpful if you had a word with someone at the top of the FIAT importing operation in England just to get the name of some executive at Turin who reads English and to whom the proposal should be put. I'll enclose a copy of the BMW proposal which you can use ~~as~~ as a basis of cluing -in the FIAT man in London...if you can find the time and would like to do a bit of automotive promoting. The deal would be a FIAT Chroma Turbo-Diesel or a Lancia Thema TD for about \$8000 and I bear all the expenses of the

"Crossing" and they get five or six articles ---as outlined in the BMW letter.

Love to Rich -  
All three  
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I'm not suggesting that you try to sell the idea to the UK FIAT exec but only to ask him who at FIAT to present the idea to.

I shall make one last try here...to sell the proposal to MAZDA for a useful deal in the new RX7. See how broad minded I am...quite willing to drive a non-Diesel!