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Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Mr. Feith:

This is in response to your letter of May 6, 1981 to our President, Mr. B. Ahlstrom.

The provided information to lower the vehicle's noise level from 83 dbA to 80 dbA (added equipment and cost estimates) will be broken down by Volvo truck series.

	<u>Added Equipment</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
F6	Engine Compartment Noise	\$240
	Absorbent Material	
	New Silencer	
	Visco Fan	
F7	Engine Compartment Noise	\$150
	Absorbent Material	
	New Silencer	

In addition, for a "future model", the following items would be required:

Sound Screen	\$310
Sound Absorbent	

These modifications to the "future model" will add about 50 lbs. to the vehicle, which will subsequently reduce its payload. Also, it is important to mention that the sound screen will cause an increase in service and maintenance costs.

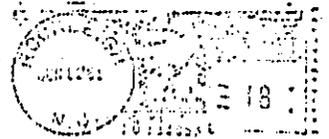
We trust this information may be useful in your deliberations concerning the costs and necessity of future noise standards. If additional information is required on this matter, don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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