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Dear Dr. Parks:

Thank you for your letter. I'm pleased to learn that you are the current owner of Columbia "Junior" #3733. The machine was used at Linden, Wisconsin, and was originally purchased by the postmaster. *in 1917*

I do not have any ring dies or canceling die hubs presently available for sale for this machine. However, the hub and die are the same as those used on the International Postal Supply/International Peripheral Systems (IPS) HD-2 machines. What I would suggest is that you apply for a Mailer's Postmark Permit (MPP) for Thousand Oaks, CA, as described in the Domestic Mail Manual. Once you have an approved MPP, you can have a ring die and die hub engraved by IPS, which can be used either on your machine or a Model HD-2. However, I need to tell you that engraved dies are expensive; about \$100 for the ring die, and \$125 for the die hub (engraved "Mailer's Postmark Permit #\_"). A set of month, date, and one year type is around \$150 new. I am quoting these prices from memory, and they may vary somewhat from current prices.

I do have an IPS Model HD-2 hand-driven canceling machine for sale at \$250 plus actual UPS shipping (around \$20) and a \$5 packing allowance. It is serial number 2168 and was used at Ernhardt, SC. Overall, it is in very good, complete condition but some cleaning with a solvent would be desirable. It comes with a wavy-bar canceling die hub, but no town die.

I also have three floor model, motorized machines. They are: 1) IPS Model M; 2) Universal (Pitney Bowes) Model D; and 3) IPS "Flier". I can send you more information about these, but they are all generally complete except for the ring dies. Any single one is \$200, but if you take two the combined price for both is \$300, and for all three it would be a total of \$350. All prices are based on pick-up in Alexandria, but I can crate and ship for my actual expenses to do so. Each requires about a square yard of floor space and weigh between 150-250 pounds each. If you have some room, they make a very interesting display item.

As for postmarkers that I presently have available for sale, there are only two: NY & PITTS RPO, and PITTS & CHI RPO. These are \$300 each, and both have "RMS" between the killer bars. A set of date, month, one train, and three year type without a type box (that is, just the loose type) is \$50. I can send you sample imprints if you