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the Science Museum South Kensington.**

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JET I was first shown to the public in 1950. In 1951 the Royal Automobile Club awarded the Bower Trophy for Rover's outstanding technical achievement in producing the World's Gas Turbine car. In 1952 on the Jabbeke Motorway it established the world's first gas turbine automobile records, when the following times were recorded over a measured mile and kilometre.

Flying kilometre - 244.565 k.p.h., 151.965 m.p.h. Flying mile -
243.327 k.p.h., 151.196 m.p.h. Standing kilometre - (132.596 k.p.h.
Standing mile 153.962 k.p.h., 95.668 m.p.h. (83.391 m.p.h.

The car is propelled by a 200 b.h.p. Rover gas turbine engine T.8. on a normal Rover car chassis fitted with Dunlop Disc Brakes.

JET I has now served its purpose in the development programme as work is now continuing on T.3. the small blue two-seater turbine car shown at the 1956 Earls Court Motor Show and recently driven at the Rover factory by the Duke of Edinburgh. This car will be used to solve some of the many problems that must be overcome before a truly operational gas turbine car can be produced for commercial sale.

The ceremony of handing over JET I to the Museum will be on Tuesday 29th April at 11 a.m. outside the Science Museum in Exhibition Road, South Kensington. JET I will be driven by Mr. Tony Worster one of Rover's Gas Turbine Development engineers, from the Rover Service Depot at Seagrave Road, Fulham via Old Brompton Road

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From TERRY HUNTER



To Miss Grace Field

Production Manager

News Editor

Please refer to TH/MN

24th April 1958

Further to our conversation of this morning concerning a news coverage of the Rover Car JET 1, for your information I set out below an extract from a letter we have received from the Rover Co. Ltd., in respect of this vehicle.

"At 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 29th April, JET 1 is going on its last journey from Seagrave Road to the Royal Science Museum in Exhibition Road, and on the steps there Mr. Maurice Wilks will hand over the keys to the Director of the Museum to which the Rover Company is presenting JET 1 to be exhibited for all time as a historical piece of machinery. I think newsreel coverage would be well worth while, not only for our own record but for the newsreels."

They are most anxious to obtain this coverage if at all possible and have suggested we contact a Mr. Gethin Bradley at SHELDON nr. Birmingham 4242. Mr. Bradley will supply us with any information we require regarding times and commentary details, etc.

Whether or not this particular story is used in your Newsreel, we should like all material shot on Tuesday 29th April to be made available to this department for inclusion in a future "ROVER REVIEW".

Thank you for your co-operation.

Copy to: Mr. Ashwood

TERRY HUNTER

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