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San Diego 1915.

San Diego, California.

Williams, Arizona, Nov. 4, 1911.

Dr. Edgar L. Hewett,

Director of American Archaeology,

Archaeological Institute of America,

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear sir:

It is the purpose of the Panama California Exposition, at San Diego, to illustrate, as has never been done before, the progress and possibilities of the human race. You will appreciate the large part that archaeology and ethnology must take in such a scheme.

We cannot afford to do such a great work for the year 1915 only. We propose that what we shall do shall stand as a permanent contribution to the world's progress. To this end, we propose that such an important department of our Exposition shall be under the highest scientific authority.

Can you undertake the direction of this department? We believe that it will not be incompatible with your present duties as director of American Archaeology for the Archaeological Institute of America, but will, on the contrary, afford the means for carrying out, on a greater scale, the purposes of your institution.

The management will guarantee that not less than \$100,000.00

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shall be expended by this department for expeditions, installation and maintenance, and it is expected that this will be increased several times over by the contributions of states and foreign governments. This will permit of a large amount of research and we desire to provide for, not only the acquisition and permanent display of material, but for the permanent advancement of knowledge by publication.

One phase of the exhibit would be the gathering together of representatives of native tribes of North and South America in what might be well termed a "Congress of the Native Tribes of the Western Hemisphere".

Many of the buildings which we will erect will be permanent, fireproof, Class A Structures, and I know of no reason why one of them should not be turned over to your Institute, or the San Diego Branch thereof, as a permanent home for the exhibit which shall be gathered together, provided we can come to some arrangement.

Will you let us know as early as convenient whether or not you can entertain a definite proposition from us.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) D. C. Collier,

Director General.

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