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Dr. Edgar L. Hewett,

Director of Exhibits,

Panama-California Exposition, San Diego.

My dear Doctor Hewett:

Today I have been rounding up the matter of shipments for the Exposition. I find that the first car took a large part of the material, leaving but a small amount for the second car. Now Doctor Hrdlicka tells me that his exhibits will not be complete until sometime in November, and I wish to ask whether you see any objection to retaining everything now on hand until he is ready. It happens that in the first car was included all of the material for my six lay figure groups and these are the only exhibits that will require any considerable time in their installation. The shipment in the second car will include exhibits, as far as I can now see, which can be installed in a comparatively brief period. It includes three large tablets, the Serpent Column, and molds for the same, and the model of the Castillo, with numerous casts, skulls, bones, etc. of Hrdlicka's collection. Preparation of the Serpent Column is the only exhibit that will give us trouble. It

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can hardly be installed in less time than two or three weeks. The only thing that will delay the sending are certain of Hrdlicka's casts, and possibly you may desire to have all that is ready by the first of November forwarded in a car, the rest, only 50 cubic feet or so, could then be sent when ready by freight or express. All that remains now to be sent will hardly be more than two-thirds of a car - about 1500 cubic feet, the capacity of a 36 ft. car being 2236 cubic feet.

Sincerely yours,



Head Curator,
Department of Anthropology.