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Dr. Edgar L. Hewett,

Director of Exhibits,

Panama-California Exposition, Cal.

My dear Doctor Hewett:

In answer to your note of October 7th, I want to say that I should be glad to give such a lecture as you speak of, but I think such a talk should be illustrated by lantern slides, which are not at hand. We have plenty of photographs, but the Museum has been so poor lately that there was no possibility of having the slides made. They would involve the expenditure of about \$35.00, and probably that could be spared from the San Diego funds should in your opinion such an expenditure be justified. I think it would be; and I should of course expect no other compensation for the lecture. Please let me know at once what to do.

As to the large wall portraits, some recent conversations with people who are confronted with similar problems have made me very uncertain as to whether it will be possible to make a suitable background illumination. In consequence, I shall not have more of these transparencies made than ^{one} ~~were~~ to even up the number to six, unless I hear from you that a satisfactory illumination can be furnished. The lack of the windows, which

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were in the original plans and on which I based all of my transparency exhibits, will I am afraid interfere to some extent also with the smaller sizes and may oblige us to use clear glasses for the background instead of the usual whitish variety. Nothing of course can be set definitely until things are actually tried on the spot; ~~but~~ ^{and} I shall come prepared for all eventualities.

I am happy to hear that our first consignment has reached San Diego in good order. We are busy on the rest, and baring accidents, will be ready as expected, i. e., at the middle of November.

I have little time now to attend to anything beyond the exhibits, nevertheless I have commenced to work on the Descriptive Catalogue for the exhibits in my section. In this I find it will be necessary to keep to the old classification of rooms, 1-5, so that the Evolution room will be as originally, #2, and so on. If I can finish the general part before I go it will help matters along. In this connection I want to call your attention to the fact that there is now going through the press of the Smithsonian my article on "The Most Ancient Skeletal Remains of Man". This will be part of the next Smithsonian report, is illustrated by 41 plates ^{with} a number of figures, and would supplement excellently our exhibits in room #2. It occurred to me that the

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Exposition could order from one to three thousand re-prints, with a special cover, and that these could be sold at a nominal price with or besides the Descriptive Catalogue at the entrance to my section. There are two other articles which would fit in finely -- one on "The History of American Anthropology", which is now passing through print for the American Anthropologist, and the "Physical Anthropology and its Aims", which was published in Science, July 10, 1908 and would have to be reprinted. The sale of these papers would, I am confident, more than repay the outlay incurred in providing them.

Hoping to hear from you promptly in these various matters, I am, with best regards,

Yours,

A. H. Allen

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