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WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 3, 1915.

Dr. Edgar L. Hewett,
Director of Exhibits,
Panama-California Exposition,
San Diego, Cal.

My dear Dr. Hewett:-

As you know, Dr. A. Schück, who carried out our
and had the misfortune to be an Austrian nationalist,
African expedition, was at the outbreak of the war arrested
in British East Africa; everything that he had with the ex-
ception of the clothing he wore on his person was confiscated,
and after imprisonment he was expelled to the Italian colonies,
from which he with difficulty reached home. In the confiscated
trunks and boxes, which we have since been in vain trying to
obtain, even with the assistance of the British government,
were most of the bills and detailed notes concerning Dr. Schück's
expenditures. As it may be many months before these papers are
recovered, and it is possible that we shall never get them, I
have requested Dr. Schück to make a careful summary of his
expenditures and swear to the general correctness of the account
before the American Consul at Prague. This account reached me
yesterday, and I have forwarded it this morning to Mr. Adams.

Dr. Schück spent fifteen months on the expedition;
his expenses were very moderate; he has not received any
personal compensation whatever - there being nothing left from
the sums sent to him, and in addition, he has lost considerable

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personal property, including several instruments. In view of these facts, I recommend that Dr. Schück's account be accepted as it is, with the understanding that all receipts, etc., that may be recovered will eventually be furnished to Mr. Adams; and I further feel that it will be only just to allow Dr. Schück a small sum, say \$250.00, for his losses and suffering. At present, when everyone in the Old World is in distress and need, I feel confident that this small amount will prove doubly acceptable. It is more than covered by our reservation for the African work.

Please answer this at your earliest convenience, preferably by wire.

Sincerely yours,

A. Ardichian
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*About the matter of the San Diego Station
you will come learn from Prof. Holmes?
am glad you are taking it up.*