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My dear Mr. Walter:

I have a letter from Mr. Harrington today, and it is gratifying to know that he is getting on well. It, however, is the opinion of his physician that he should do no work of importance until after August. His strength seems to have been very greatly reduced, and while complications are not feared, the doctor is very emphatic in his mandate that he must be kept from work until absolutely ready to return to it without danger. I am entirely in accord with this, and have, in fact, been hammering on that line all along with the physician and Mr. Harrington's parents. He is too valuable a man to be allowed to take any risks, so I fear we will have to give up having him at Santa Fe in August. You and Mr. Aspland please talk it over, and see if you think you need to supply his place. You have a very full program anyway, and possibly we would be justified in omitting this one course. Were it not that Mr. Morley's work and mine so nearly duplicate one another, I would suggest that we try to get him, but as he can do Central American Archaeology only, it would not help us out with the Ethnological program.

Here is another suggestion for you to consider: Miss Alice Fletcher will be in Santa Fe during the first two weeks, probably the entire month of August. If you wish, you are authorized to put her down for five lectures on ~~Indian Music and Ceremonies~~ Ethnology, in place of a like number by Mr. Harrington. Also Mr. Francis La Flesche will be there, and I think it would be a strong drawing card to put him on for the other five lectures, in lieu of Mr. Harrington. Mr. La Flesche is, as you know, a full-blooded Omaha Indian, a man of profound scholarship and great ability in every way. It will take a little time to hear from him as he is now in South Dakota, but I will at once open correspondence with him and endeavor to get his consent. It would be necessary to pay him a small honorarium, as he would have to remain off duty without pay, but I should say that fifty dollars would be considered sufficient, and that would be somewhat less than you would pay on Mr. Harrington's expenses if he came. I will send you his subject a little later.

You may announce to all inquiring that the excavations at Quarai camp will begin Monday, July 27th, and that all who are to participate should report to me at Santa Fe not later than Saturday afternoon, the 25th, or at Mountainair Sunday the 26th. I will leave it to your discretion to admit applicants to that expedition, merely reminding you that we are not particularly anxious to have anyone outside of our scientific corps, yet perfectly willing to keep it open to desirable people. I will be over in time to look over our equipment before shipping it to Mountainair.

We will hold things a little tighter on the Jemez expedition. Those you have already admitted are all right. While we will not say so, yet I shall not be absolutely arbitrary about exceeding our published limit for that party.

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An undesirable citizen from New Mexico, Mr. W. B. Berger, has been gum-shoeing about the Exposition here with a view, I am convinced, of doing some underhand work at home. He fought the New Mexico appropriation for San Diego bitterly, working hand in hand with the San Franciscan delegation until the last minute of the legislative session, and is well known to have been unfriendly all through. The only thing he can get hold of to use with effect in New Mexico will be the fact that the other state buildings are not yet up. I think he will doubtless seize upon that, and if you and the Colonel are so disposed, I would recommend that you spike anything that comes out to that effect in New Mexico in most emphatic terms. The other state buildings are behind it is true; that is, behind New Mexico, but that is simply to the credit of New Mexico that it is so far along, and half a dozen other states will have their buildings up within a very few weeks, and will unquestionably be ready by the date of opening. They are no more backward here than at San Francisco. I have recommended to Mr. Watson that he send some photographs of the new plans of these other state buildings, just as soon as possible for publication in New Mexico. I think that would help to head off anything unfavorable that may be sent out.

As always,

Cordially yours,

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