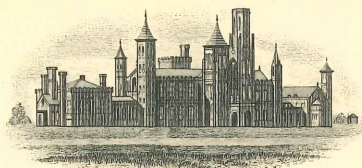


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December 22 , 1916.

Dear Dr. Hewett:

I have your letter of December 16, asking that, if not inconsistent with the plans of the Institution, the exhibits now at the San Diego Exposition be allowed to remain there during the first three or four months of 1917. I should be very glad to comply with your wishes in this connection and ordinarily there would be no difficulty in doing so. Unfortunately, however, there is a strong movement on foot to have large educational exhibits installed in Washington during the inauguration period, and for this reason I regret to say that I have been obliged to arrange to transfer all the exhibits at San Diego to Washington as soon as practicable.

Again expressing my regret that it is not practicable for me to grant your request, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Charles D Walcott
Secretary.

Dr. Edgar L. Hewett,
Cosmos Club,
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