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Memorandum: Objects for Museum purposes

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Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

August 13, 1952

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Colorado National Monument
From: Superintendent, Mesa Verde
Subject: Objects for museum purposes.

The objects which Mr. Fritzen wishes to donate to the Monument, as reported in your memorandum of August 6, sound most interesting and the proposition is certainly worth following up.

There is not one chance in a million that the flint points are of Folsom or some other ancient vintage but that remote possibility should be investigated. Even though they are not ancient the two skulls with the embedded points would have definite display value. Such objects are rare and every effort should be made to get them.

There is a good possibility that Mr. Watson will visit the Monument before or just after Labor Day. However, since Mr. Fitch has already talked with Mr. Fritzen we would suggest that he make an effort to determine what else is in the collection and encourage Mr. Fritzen in his desire to contribute it to the Monument. It would be proper to accept objects we do not care for especially in order to get the two skulls.

You can accept such articles, either as outright donations or as indefinite loans, but the latter condition is not desirable. The only restriction is that we can not guarantee that all objects will be displayed at all times.

We feel it is most desirable for Mr. Fitch to contact Mr. Fritzen again and make every effort to obtain the specimens. If Mr. Watson comes up he will help in every way possible.

(SIGNED)

Robert H. Rose
Superintendent

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