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In reply refer to:

My dear Mr. Richards:

We have been informed that the Utah Field House of Natural History at Vernal, Utah, is proceeding to raise funds to obtain from your collection the surplus and duplicate fossil remains which were excavated, under Carnegie Museum direction from Indian lands and lands a part of Dinosaur National Monument, during the period 1908 through 1922. According to terms of the permits issued under the Antiquities Act and Uniform Rules and Regulations, Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh is the designated depository.

The National Park Service has plans for a museum at Dinosaur National Monument. Such fossil material as you may have which is surplus to your needs should not be removed from the authorized depository until the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institution have their requirements filled and permission for removal is granted.

We shall expect that you will retain this material until its proper use and distribution can be determined by the Federal Government. In the meantime, I would very much appreciate receiving information as to the fossil material from the above described lands which is surplus to your needs.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) MASTING WHITE

Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Mr. Wallace Richards Director, Carnegie Museum Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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