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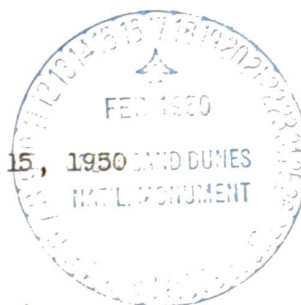
### 1950 Department of Interior Memorandum Regarding Request of Skeletal Material

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico



February 15, 1950 DUNES  
NATL MONUMENT

Memorandum SWNM #159

To: Southwestern National Monuments Superintendents  
From: Assistant Regional Director  
Subject: Study of skeletal material

Dr. Edward L. Breazeale, of the University of Arizona, is interested in making hematological and serological studies of the remains of early people. He has tested the skeletal and dessicated material at the university and is now trying to get additional specimens for study.

Breazeale says, "We would require about 10 to 20 grams of material. If bones were to be used, the sample would preferably be collected from the long bones and as much spongy material as possible. If mummies are used, about the same quantity from the muscle tissue. Also we would like as complete a record for identification as possible, age of specimen, tribe, location, etc."

Twenty grams is about equal to the weight (not the volume) of a full package of cigarettes. Dr. Breazeale will also send a report on his findings on any specimens sent him.

If you have skeletal, or dessicated, specimens, and would like a little information on blood types or whether your specimens had syphilis you may send specimens to:

Edward L. Breazeale,  
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College of Agriculture,  
University of Arizona,  
Tucson, Arizona.

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