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Tower Group: Hovenweep Memorandum**

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December 30, 1944.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Three.

The attached copy of a letter dated December 15 from Robert Murphy, one of the editors of the Saturday Evening Post, in response to my letter of December 8 relating to Frank C. Hibben's article, "The Mystery of the Stone Towers," in the December 9 issue of the Post, may hold interest for the Service.

Obviously, the Post editors will do nothing in their columns to correct the illustrative error to which I called attention. They simply "pass the buck" to Frank Hibben who, according to the Post, furnished the illustration of Square Tower, Hovenweep National Monument, for illustrating his article on the completely different towers of the Gallina region of New Mexico.

I think the matter should be taken up with Frank Hibben. Please advise whether you wish to handle this through the Director's or Regional Director's Office, or prefer to have me do it. It is hard to believe that Hibben would be so unethical, but the letter from the Post reveals the facts.

Enclosed is copy of a pertinent letter from Dr. A. V. Kidder, Carnegie Institution, and I have received a very frank letter from Dr. H. P. Mera, of the Laboratory of Anthropology, gravely questioning certain factors of Hibben's interpretation of his Gallina findings.

Jesse L. Nusbaum,
Superintendent.

(In duplicate.)

Enclosures.

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