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Mr. Harold Andersen  
Yuma, Colorado

My dear Harold:

Since my return, I have had a long talk with Professor Renaud relative to your collection, and he makes some suggestions as to a means of profitably disposing of it. After looking over the list of artifacts, he expressed the belief that you might dispose of it most profitably and easily through offering sets to the American and European museums; that the duplicates would be far in excess of one museum's needs and that finding a purchaser for the entire collection at this time would probably be difficult. He stated that numerous European museums would want sets and he can give you a list of these. He is most friendly towards you, and I am sure he can and will be useful to you in the matter of studies and disposing of your collection.

I described to Professor Renaud the appearance of transitional stages in your collection and he is most anxious to see and study them. He stated that he was aware of such a transition, for the reason that he had examined many like examples from various locations and such a development was a logical expectation.

Professor Renaud has in preparation the complete measurements and data concerning all of the Folsom and Yuma artifacts that he has handled. This will cover the western area from Texas to Wyoming and he would like to include those contained in your collection. The data are to be printed or mimeographed and copies will go to all American and European institutions. That would bring your artifacts into greater prominence than they now enjoy.

I hope you will put the past uncertainty entirely from your mind, for Professor Renaud is a fine fellow, entertains only the most pleasant feelings towards you, and will be a great deal of help.

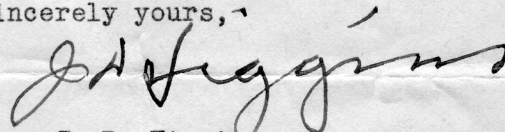
I mentioned to President Hanington the highly important character of your collection, but he entertains no prospects of our being able to acquire it. I view the prospect of its leaving Colorado as most unfortunate, but in such troublesome times, there are more sorrows than joys.

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I reached the bison locality near Cope in due time and learned of your work there. I believe some additional excavating has been done at the site near the bed of the Arickaree, and if I know shellac when I see it, yours is on the skull in a little draw a few hundred yards up the stream. Quite independent of my not touching it because of this, it is highly doubtful if a more or less complete skeleton is present, and for that reason we would not excavate there. Can you give me the name of the son of the owner of that property? He was very kind and I neglected getting his name. I have not learned Carl Brown's connection but it was through him and Mr. Walsh at Eckley that I learned of this location.

Please convey to your father and mother our appreciation of their kindness and with best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



J. D. Figgins  
Director

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