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Peter H. Laraba, Curator  
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Dear Mr. Laraba :

In response to your letter of August 21, 1985 I have gathered all the information possible on the Diplodocus molds. Unfortunately we do not have the molds nor do I know where they went after they left the Children's Museum. I also want to apologize for the time this response has taken to get to you. I am the "New" Director here just having started three weeks ago so please understand the delay.

As for the information that I have concerning the Diplodocus molds. The molds were first mentioned in a letter to G.E. Untermann from Mae W. Bell on November 18, 1959. Mr. Untermann responded on November 22, 1960 with instructions for picking the molds up at your facility in the spring of 1960. Mr. Untermann reiterated the size and weight limitation of the truck used for transportation. The next correspondence came in the form of a carbon copied letter to a C.M. Roding, Director of Natuurist Museum Enschede, The Netherlands. This letter referred Roding to the Children's Museum so that he might be placed on a waiting list of candidates that were to receive the molds upon completion of our use. On October 1, 1963 Ms. Bell indicated in a letter to Mr. Untermann that the Children's Museum was preparing to use the molds to make the first casts and she needed to ask several questions. Untermann responded by sending a procedures list that your facility followed when casting their Diplodocus. It is at this point that we lose site of our friend "Dianne Diplodocus". To my knowledge a site was designated for the casting, but the

project either was abandoned because of cost, lack of interest, or some other unknown reason.

I hope that you find this information useful -- it's not much but thats all we have. Good luck on your search for the missing dinosaur, I hear they have been extinct for some time.

Sincerely:

Karl L. McKinnon  
Director