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Dear Jim:

Enclosed are copies of our correspondence with Murdock at Las Vegas and with James King of the Carnegie Museum. As you can tell the Carnegie Museum is somewhat hesitant about agreeing to the reproduction of more than two copies of the Diplodocus. Since Las Vegas is no longer interested in obtaining a copy or making new molds, we are in a quandary about how to proceed with our renovation. At this time we don't have any funds available for remolding the skeleton, but we might be able to receive some through the renovation budget in the future. Since our plan is to move the cement skeleton indoors fairly soon, any remolding should probably be done prior to that move.

Perhaps if you would communicate with King, he might be amenable to further reproduction of the casts particularly as replacement parts for the ten already on display. The Royal Museum of Scotland is also very interested in obtaining a complete skeleton (see included letter).

I suppose this is putting the ball in your court. We don't have the facilities or the expertise to duplicate the beast ourselves, so you would certainly be our best alternative.

Sincerely.

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