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Dear Sir or Madam:

As a way of introduction, I am Peter Laraba, Curator for the Utah Field House of Natural History State Park in Vernal Utah. I am writting regarding information about the Diplodocus molds that were acquired from us by your museun in 1959-60.

As I have gone through our "Dippy" file, I have found that the Children's Museum picked-up the 600-700 molds and were planning on making a cast to set up outside similar to ours. After 27-28 years, our cast is showing signs of wear and tear (pieces breaking off, peeling paint, missing pieces). With all this in mind, I have many questions to which I hope you can provide some answers:

- 1) Did your museum receive the molds and cast a Diplodocus? If so when did you do it and out of what material?
- 2) Was it put on display outside? For how long?
- 3) What, if anything was used to protect it from the elements?
- 4) Is your cast showing any signs of wear? What type of wear? What type of repairs have been made and how were they made?
- 5) Do you still have the molds? If not, who had them after you and who has them now?

I am sure that a letter of this type just makes your day. We are not in a rush for this information but would like to have it for our records and to help us make repairs. If you could find the time, I would greatly appreciate as much information that you could supply.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Laraba
Curator