

June 16, 1955

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Two

From: Chief, Division of Interpretation

Subject: Release of Dinosaur Fossil Material in Storage at
Carnegie Museum

Recently Director Netting of the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, called at this Office to discuss his problem of storing subject material collected by the Museum under Antiquities Act permit. Director Netting desires to transfer the materials to scientific and educational institutions for purposes of display and study. A copy of a preliminary letter to Director Netting is attached.

Before advising him of our interest in any of the material on deposit, we should like to have your reactions and those of the Dinosaur National Monument staff. We will then discuss the matter with the Smithsonian Institution, which has final authority over the disposal of any duplicate specimens in which we are not interested.

Do you anticipate that any of the Dinosaur fossil material stored at the Carnegie Museum will be needed in the development of the "Quarry"? We have considered the possibility of examining the material at the Museum, but realize that probably very little could be accomplished in an attempt to examine it packed in storage.

Please let us have your comments at an early date.

(SGD) Ronald F. Lee

Chief, Division of Interpretation

Attachment

In duplicate

Copy to: Dr. Nusbaum - Region Three Office

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June 16, 1955

Dr. M. G. Netting, Director
Carnegie Museum
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Netting:

It was a pleasure to meet with you here in Washington during the annual meeting of the American Association of Museums. I also appreciated very much the message you left with my secretary after talking with Congressman Saylor.

Before giving you a final answer respecting our possible interest in some of the duplicate Dinosaur fossil material in the Carnegie Museum, we wish to review the matter with our staff at Dinosaur National Monument and in our Region Two Office. It is desirable that we do this in view of progress being made in developing the "Quarry" at the Monument. As soon as this review has been completed, I will get in touch with you.

We believe there will be no difficulty in reaching an agreement that will permit distribution of any remaining Dinosaur material which you have in storage. As soon as the extent of our own interest is determined, we will take the subject up with the Smithsonian Institution. You may expect further reply from us.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Ronald F. Lee

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Chief, Division of Interpretation

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