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C. F. GEHRING
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Mr. George E. Untermann
Director, Field House
Vernal, Utah

Dear George:

We have finally received the O.K. from our Board to pursue the Diplodocus project as we see fit. First, I wish to definitely place our institution on record as wanting the molds if arrangements can be made as we discussed when visiting with you in June. Could we have a definite estimate from you on the shipping cost? I feel the arrangement you suggested is a sound one, provided somekind of padding can be used in the truck where needed.

We are not in any hurry to get the molds, but could you give us an idea as to when you think they could be shipped? Also, details as to how the man in charge would operate? Does he carry any insurance for goods delivered, or would we have to do this?

It would be helpful to us if we could have details on the history, preparation, dimensions, available photos, etc., that you have on the critter. Also, it might help if we had some written statement as to the proposed arrangement -- from your viewpoint -- so that there is no chance for a misunderstanding.

Our tentative idea is that we could display the cast beneath a mounted recent, 70-ft. blue whale skeleton in our Hall of Evolving Life. We think it would be mighty impressive.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Untermann, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,



Theodore Downs
Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology

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