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November 4, 1932

Mr. Harold V. Andersen
Yuma, Colorado

My dear Harold:

Thank you very much for yours of October 31st, and I want to express both my own and Professor Renaud's appreciation of yours and your father's generosity in the matter of the use of illustrations from your artifacts. Please convey this to your father with my regards.

Your mention of Schultz intending to write up his finds of the past summer and checking it with yours and your father's discoveries reminds me that an English archaeologist is finding exactly the same type of physical conditions from which your artifacts came - that is, blow-outs but is troubled with like associations through lowering all objects to a common level. It appears that he has discovered three cultures in this association just as you have in the vicinity of Yuma and as others have found farther south. All of the English finds have been made on or near the top of hills from which the sand has been removed by the wind.

The whole subject is involved in many difficulties and I am looking forward to future discoveries, rather than the past, for a final solution as to the age of not only the Yuma points but the pre-Folsom and Folsom. Professor Renaud has touched upon this in a way that I am sure is going to be helpful in future work. The paper will go to the printer very shortly, but in the meantime I wonder if it would be possible for me to borrow a perfect Folsom point for illustration. We have one or two small ones but Professor Renaud regards them as stages in the evolution of that culture. Our nearest representative is in the slab with the bison bones and one of the rear points is absent. If you have a perfect one and can let us have it for photographing, it will be a great help and much appreciated.

I fully agree with you that the whole subject of relationship between the Yuma and Folsom points, together with their transitional or evolutionary stages is most "complicated".

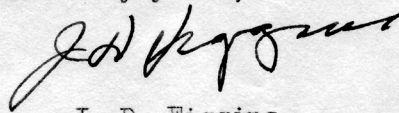
I can understand the conflict between the subject of German and fossil bones that need repairing. Were I in your position I am positive the fossils would win. That mammoth find you have made should receive your best efforts. It would be an excellent idea to shellac all of the exposed parts at once, cover it with burlap and then dirt for the winter, unless you have time to expose it further. There may be more of it present than you suspect.

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Cheer up in the matter of post-office service as all the post masters are busy just now. Maybe it will improve after the election.

Mrs. Figgins appreciates your remembrance and joins me in very kindest regards to yourself and to your father.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. D. Figgins".

J. D. Figgins
Director

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