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Dear Mr. Forbes:-

Your find is of great interest and importance, but it is impossible to put a price upon the articles without a careful inspection. So I would propose that you and your partners in the find carefully pack and ship the whole lot to me at the museum, and I will carefully examine and describe the collection, and return the whole to you with what Mr. Stokes and myself consider fair prices, this to be wholly at the expense of the Museum. Then if you should wish to sell anything to the Museum we will try to raise the funds, for so far as I can determine from the photographs all the pieces are very interesting. In the meantime keep the matter quiet for there are severe laws here concerning burial caves, and I shall not make the matter public, of course, until you say so. If you should wish to keep the collection or part of it, the coast from this place would throw any suspicious persons off the scent.

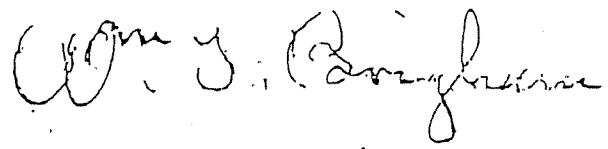
You speak of kapa figured: I have the largest collection in the world of this and am preparing a work on the subject of kapa with colored plates. so you can see how anxious to obtain samples I am. Then also I have for many years desired to obtain for the Museum specimens of the ancient method of suturing the long bones and skull into a handle, but all I have been able to find have fallen to powder before I could photograph them.

Even if after I have examined the specimens, you do not care to leave any in the Museum their value will be enhanced by a careful study of them, and their comparison with similar objects elsewhere. I will examine them and return to you as soon as possible, and in the mean time do not let your companions hear know that they have left your possession.

I have a photograph of every American find in public museums, many scores, and shall be glad to add these to the number.

Before returning I will put a tag with the price on each article, so that it will be easy for you to divide among the others. As to any other part of the cave: if you see any signs of a wall of stone work in there, for some burial caves have been like an octopus, be careful to send the fragments with any small or little value. See there are signs of a clue to the cave when properly changed.

Yours very truly,



Let me know how you wish to divide the collection and I will send claims for the same.

EXHIBIT "4"