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DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT
BOX 621, VERNAL, UTAH

April 22, 1960

Dr. Nicholas Hotton III
Division of Vertebrate Paleontology
U. S. National Museum
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Nick:

At the time I studied the skull I asked for a statement of policy from the Washington Office of the Interpretative Division in regard to such scientifically important material as the Camaraseurus skull in question but to the best of my knowledge no such statement has been made. We do not yet have adequate storage facilities here and I must take advantage of your offer to care for the specimen a while longer. You are, however, most welcome to any scientific gems on the specimen that I have overlooked.

Our exhibit is progressing very nicely although a bit slowly. Considerable good anatomical material and oddments which fit no known specimen are showing up.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. White
Museum Geologist

cc: Supt. Dinosaur National Monument

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Air Mail

April 19, 1960

Dr. Theodore E. White
Dinosaur National Monument
Box 37
Jensen, Utah

Dear Dr. White:

In the course of getting acquainted more intimately with the U. S. National Museum reptile collection, I have seen the beautiful skull of Camarasaurus that you described, and have noted that it has no number, either as stored or in your paper.

Was it your intention that this specimen become a part of the National collection, or does it belong to the Park Service? I inquire about this only to be able to give the specimen a number, if you wish it transferred to the museum. If not, I am perfectly happy for it to be stored here indefinitely - please don't feel obliged to have it moved.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Hotton III

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