

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

THE MUSEUM

February 21, 1967

Dr. Froelich Rainey
Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Rainey;

As you may perhaps recall from your visit to Michigan State University, we had a conversation concerning the possibility of testing some of your electronic search gear on several archaeological sites in the Great Lakes areas. At that time I said I would write to you and suggest a number of sites and a date when I could get a field crew together.

What would be the possibility of arranging such a venture during the week of March 20-25? If your people and equipment would be available at that time, I feel sure that I could get a student crew who would be able to confirm the electronic observations. The sites on which I would like to try out the equipment are 1.) Fort Michilimackinac at Mackinaw City, Michigan- an 18th century site on a sandy beach which contains such features as stone foundations, storage pits, wall trenches for houses and stockades, etc. We have excavated about 50% of this site and have done enough work that we can predict the locality of certain features in the unexcavated portions of the site with a good deal of accuracy. 2.) The Lasanen site at St. Ignace, Michigan- a late 17th century site on a very stoney beach which contains numerous slab lined burial pits at a depth of about 3 feet below the surface. Burial pits on the unexcavated portion of this site seem to be randomly placed but the distribution, number and the locality of these burials is unknown to us. 3.) Shortly we will be starting excavations on some historic archaeological sites at Sault Ste. Marie. We have no knowledge of the types of sub-surface features of two historic forts in that area. We do know, though, the general locality of both sites.

In addition, there are a number of prehistoric sites available for testing if these would better serve the purpose. Generally, these are shallow sites containing scattered hearth areas and pottery concentrations. Hopefully the project which I am proposing would serve to test your equipment under a variety of conditions, would provide training in the use of various electronic search devices for me and my students and finally help us to locate a

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number of features which we plan to excavate during the summer.

I am very much interested in purchasing some of this equipment and perhaps the experience we could gain would help us to decide which instruments would best suit our purposes. I certainly hope we will be able to work out some arrangements for the week of March 20th.

You might be interested to know that we've had a relatively encouraging response on the part of the administration in regard to the new museum program. While certainly we cannot be assured of a new program and building at this point, I'm sure that your visit did a great deal to further our interests.

Best regards,

Chuck

Dr. Charles E. Cleland
Curator of Anthropology

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February 27, 1967

Dr. Charles E. Cleland
Curator of Anthropology, The Museum
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Cleland:

Dr. Rainey is now in Guatemala so that in his absence,
I am replying to your letter of February 21st.

Unfortunately, for the week of March 20-25, we are
committed to do an instrument survey in South Carolina. This
may continue for a second week so that my guess is that the
first time available to come to Michigan would be the week of
April 3rd.

I suspect that Dr. Rainey will be leaving for Italy early
in April, but unless he has made other plans, it might be
possible for me to come with the instruments. I can be more
definite about this when he returns on March 7th.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth K. Ralph

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March 2, 1967

Elizabeth K. Ralph
Applied Science Center for Archaeology
University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
33rd and Spruce Streets
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Ralph;

Thank you for your letter concerning plans to come to Michigan on a instrument survey of some of our sites. Because of our teaching commitments, it will be difficult to get away for more than three days at a time during April and May. Is there any possibility that this project could be undertaken during the summer while we are in the field? If not, we could possibly arrange something for the 31st of March and the 1st and 2nd of April if this is convenient for you.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Cleland
Curator of Anthropology

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March 9, 1967

Dr. Charles E. Cleland
Curator of Anthropology
The Museum
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Cleland:

In regard to the instrument surveys, it would suit us much better to come in the summer. If you plan to be in the field then anyway, it would probably be more satisfactory all around.

I expect to be in Italy in May and June and possibly a little longer, but I think that it would be safe to plan this trip anytime after mid-July. If that is too late in the summer, please let me know just when would be best for you, and I'll see if the Italian schedule can be arranged accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth K. Ralph

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March 14, 1967

Dr. Elizabeth K. Ralph
Museum Applied Science Center for Archaeology
The University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Dear Dr. Ralph;

We will be relatively flexible in our summer schedule. Anytime between the middle of June and the first of September will be fine for your instrument survey in Michigan. Let me suggest the first week in August.

Please suggest another week if it would be more appropriate for you.

Best regards,



Charles E. Cleland
Curator of Anthropology

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

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May 18, 1967

Elizabeth K. Ralph
Museum Applied Science Center for Archaeology
The University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Dear Beth;

Let me suggest that we meet in Lansing on Thursday, the 3rd of August. I will be in town on the 1st and 2nd to take care of some personal business and will be going back up to the sites on the 3rd. You could go north with me at that time.

If you are driving, you can reach me by telephone when you get into town. You should probably bring a sleeping bag with you but otherwise we will be all set up.

I am looking forward to your visit.

Best regards,

Chuck

Charles E. Cleland
Curator of Anthropology

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Wrote -
will arrive
Aug. 10th or 15th.
if he doesn't send
telegram c/o Enrico