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History of the Centennial
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20560

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Dr. Wilson Duff
Department of Anthropology
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Dear Wilson:

We'd appreciate it if you could give us an opinion as to the tribal provenience of the house front shown in the enclosed photo. It's been in this museum ever since an 1876 exposition closed, and was evidently collected by J. G. Swan for that exposition. However, it has apparently never been catalogued (the number on the print was assigned last month); the only data on it seem to be the original shipping tags still attached.

It's a very large and impressive specimen, in excellent condition, and we're thinking of lending it for the U. S. pavilion at the Osaka world's fair. But before we do so, we should provide a better provenience--especially since if it turns out to be Canadian the U. S. pavilion won't accept it.

We have some color slides, and some black and white photos of each board if the enclosed is inadequate.

Sincerely,

William C. Sturtevant
Curator
Department of Anthropology

Enclosure

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