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Mr. W. C. Simons,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

In a letter from Dr. Rollin H. Baker of the Museum, and in Thursday's Journal World (which reaches me here), I learn of your splendid memorial gift to the Museum. Personally, as well as officially, I want to thank you for this assistance—substantial itself and potentially of even greater importance because of the example that it sets for others who take pride in the Lawrence community. You and I may not live to see the full measure of benefit which your gift initiates but you have initiated it. Thank you so much.

With my colleague, Dr. Keith R. Nelson, I am working diligently each day at the National Museum and we are bringing nearer to completion the book that we are preparing on Mammals of North America. The rich and historic collections of scientific specimens attracts scholars and scientists from many places. For example: Prof. Chester Stock from California (one of my old teachers) was here today; Dr. Juan
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