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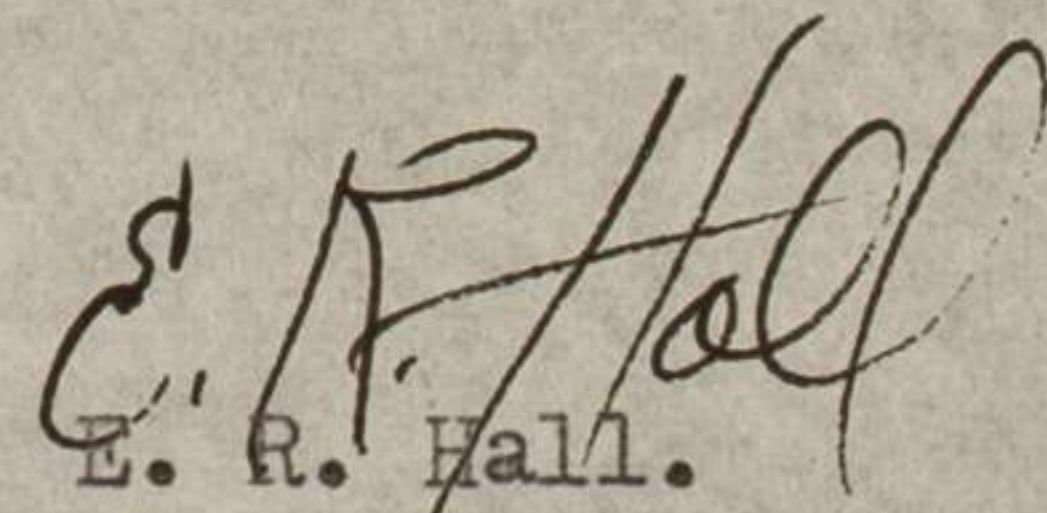
Dear Mr. Simons:

Thank you for your letter of June 9th. We should have a diorama of western Kansas. It seems to me that the ideas that you have expressed in your letter would fit in very well. Undoubtedly your mother was much interested in natural history. I would like to know more about her interests. The virgin soil, the plants, the animals, and the climate combine to make the environment in which she reared her family and which produced the sturdy stock that we know even as far as her great-grandchildren, namely Dolph, Jr. and John.

I have an idea that the best way to work out something appropriate would be for you and me to examine the space up on the floor of dioramas, exchange ideas and then call in one or two of the technicians when we got to a place where their advice would be helpful. Eventually, I am sure that one or more of them would want to visit the actual site in western Kansas. At any rate, we like to have the dioramas authentic even to the outline of the horizon and I have a notion that you would like that same thing.

I am going to be relatively free and could meet your convenience. I do have to be away in Madison, Wisconsin, from June 15 to 19, inclusive. I have to be away again from June 23 to 30. Before, between, and after those periods, I will be on hand and would like to examine the Museum space with you as soon as would be convenient with you. A lot of thought has to go into one of those dioramas and the sooner we start thinking about it the sooner the plans will be completed and we can decide on one that would be appropriate.

Sincerely,


E. R. Hall.

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