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ACCESSION

DR. CHARLES FIRESTONE

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

ACCESSION MEMORANDUM

Department of Anthropology. Division of Physical Anthropology.

November 17, 1934.

Please enter as an accession from Dr. Charles Firestone,
c/o Dr. Polk Richards,
Indian Service,
(Address) Albuquerque, N. Mex.

the following object (collected ~~with~~ without the aid of a Museum outfit):

Two human brains, one of a Navaho Indian
boy and the other of a Laplander girl.

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Papers appended All. (131,825)

(The Assistant Secretary directs that ALL letters in the possession of the Curator or his Assistants, which relate to this Accession, be attached to this memorandum and forwarded with it to the Division of Correspondence.)

Gift, exchange, loan, deposit, transfer, bequest, collected for the Museum, purchase,
made in the Museum.

Harner Stough
Head Curator.

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HAVE NAVAJO INDIAN BRAIN IN FORMALIN SOLUTION HOW DO YOU WISH IT SHIPPED PLEASE ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY=

DR CHARLES FIRESTONE.

Chas. B. Polk
9/6

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Dr. Hrdlicka
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TELEGRAM

November 5, 1934

Dr. Charles Firestone
Care Dr. Polk Richards
Indian Service
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Specimen referred to your wire *Dr.* Hrdlicka may
be shipped express collect addressed National
Museum.

Wetmore
Assistant Secretary

Charge U. S. National Museum
Government rate

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Brain and Pituitary Body and Specimen of right lung and specimen
of left lung of

Francesco Sordo,
Navajo Indian
Age 12,
Died Nov 1, 1934.

Diagnosis Lobar Pneumonia.

Findings P.M.:

Entire right lung hepatized as per specimen.

Entire left lung collapsed with pulmonary edema.

Charles Firestone M.D.

About a year ago I sent you a brain of a Laplander
girl and I received no acknowledgment of its receipt. Did you
receive it? I sent it to you from Seattle.

CHAS. FIRESTONE, M.D.

EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

537 Stimson Building

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Mary Sara! - 18

Full Blooded

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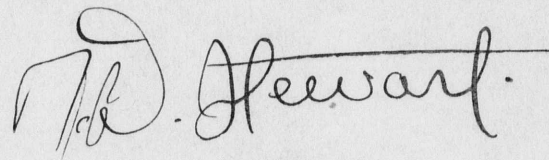
Died Tuberculosis
Pulmonary

MEMORANDUM

To be accessioned as a gift of Dr. Charles Firestone, Albuquerque, N.M. (Care Dr. Polk Richards, Indian Service), two human brains, one Navaho, the other Laplander.

The Navaho brain has just been received and is in excellent condition. As stated in the correspondence, the Laplander brain was received about a year ago, but was poorly preserved and only with difficulty separated from the surrounding cotton packing. No decision was made at the time of receipt as to keeping this brain. Since it now seems to have become fairly well hardened in the formalin solution, and may still have some value, it might as well be accessioned. The reason for the delay in acknowledgment should be explained to Dr. Firestone.

All correspondence attached.



November, 15, 1934.

The sections of lung accompanying the Navaho brain are of no value for our studies, since the cause of death is stated, and therefore will be destroyed.

T.D.S.

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November 21, 1934.

Dr. Charles Firestone,
c/o Dr. Polk Richards,
Indian Service,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My dear Doctor Firestone:

Referring to your recent telegram, addressed to Dr. Hrdlicka, it is with much pleasure that I formally acknowledge the receipt of the Nevaho Indian brain therein referred to. I take advantage of this opportunity also to advise you that the brain of a Laplander girl, which you forwarded from Seattle, and about which you especially inquire, was duly received. It was in poor condition, and no decision was made at the time as to the advisability of keeping the specimen. It has now become fairly hardened, however, and may still prove to be useful. This will account for our delay in acknowledging the receipt of the specimen.

Both of the specimens have now been recorded as a gift in your name and I would assure you that we greatly appreciate your continued interest in the national collections.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Graf,
Associate Director.

B:L.