To Major J. W. Powell

Washington, July 10

Dir. Bureau of Ethnology

The following is an extract from letter No. 8549, dated June 25th, 1884, received from J. C. Ramsey of New Mexico Territory.

Please take notice of the same, and furnish me with the information requisite for a reply referring in your answer to the above No.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Secretary Smithsonian Institution.

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Excerpts:

Hon. Spencer F. Baird,

Dear Sir:

I am requested by a neighbor to inform you that he has found fossil which indicate the bones of some very large animal. He has already found two teeth which are as large as a man's head and a bone which he supposes it a thigh bone projecting from the bank of a ravine in which he found the teeth. Over the projecting bone is growing an Elm tree more than two feet in diameter. He expects to start next week to dig out the projecting bone and to search in the vicinity for more. He wishes me to ask if there is any chance for the Smithsonian Institution to purchase it.
those things remain as they have already found and may be found by further search and if so
what state?

If you wish to obtain this fossil, please write me here at Chiefland.

Territory.
The bones were found in a small Red Clay ravine about 20 miles distant from this place in the Choctaw country.

Very Respectfully,

Yours,

J. W. Ramey.