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C. D. Walcott Esq
Director

U. S. Geological Survey

Dear Sir

About 15 months ago I sent you some boxes of fossil bones from Miner's Rancho. You informed me that they had been handed over to Prof Marsh for examination that he was much interested in them and he would take them to New Haven for study. One of the skeletons was that of a large animal probably Cetacean and less perfectly represented by bones; the other was that of a much smaller animal but was represented by a fuller complement of bones. A month ago I received through the Quartermaster U.S.A. a box containing the bones of the larger skeleton but have been favored

with no advice what ever concerning them. I am not even informed whether or not they have been examined. From Prof Marsh's statement 15 months ago they are of great scientific interest & I should therefore be glad to learn the results of his examination if he has made one.

May I enquire, also, whether he desires to retain the smaller skeleton for study and request that, if it is not convenient to him to make the examination, ~~that~~ he will kindly cause the bones to be returned to me so that I may restore them to the University Museum.

Yours sincerely
Andrew Lawson

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Berkeley Cal.,
Apr. 11/95.

Lawson, A.C.

Subj if he may expect a report from Prof Marsh on cert. fossil bones, very submitted, - also return of smaller skeleton property of Cal. Univ. Museum, &c &c.

Repld. to Prof. A.C. Lawson

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My Dear Prof. Marsh

Last January I sent you through Prof. Walcott portions of two skeletons from Miner's ranche Contra Costa County. The bones are the property of the University of California and I have recently written to Prof. Walcott on behalf of the University concerning their return.

I write now to say that if you should desire to publish a note on these fossils I should be pleased to give it a place in the Bulletin of the Department of Geology

I send you the last number
 of the Bulletin by this mail
 so that you may see
 what manner of publication
 it is. As the find is of
 local interest apart from
 any general interest it may
 have ~~the~~ publication of any
 note you may wish to give
 out concerning the fossils
 would not be inappropriate
 in the Bulletin. I could supply
 some notes of interest concerning
 the stratigraphy and general geology
 of the formations in which they were
 found.

Yours sincerely
 Andrew Lawson

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Prof A. C. Lawson

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