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**Letter to William Barnum, Chief Clerk, Carnegie Institution February 13,  
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My dear Mr. Barnum

Proofs of Plates 56C and 56D came to hand a few days ago and as they were inserted in Mr. Gilbert's contribution to the report I forwarded them to him for correction with the request that he should send them to you with any correction that he may find necessary. With regard to marking the plates so as to indicate where they should appear in the report I think I shall have to wait until I get a dummy of the report because the present pagination of the report is somewhat confusing. There have been some changes already and there is an omission of several pages which will shove all the pagination ahead; so that any attempt to indicate where the plates should go had better be deferred until the pagination is settled.

Regarding the division of the report in two parts you will see by referring to my letter in regard to this matter that I suggested that the report be divided at the end, not the beginning, of Mr. Wood's paper on San Francisco. But I notice that in the table of contents you have placed a mark as if you understood that the division was to be at the beginning of Mr. Wood's paper on San Francisco, so that his paper would appear as the first paper in the second volume. I deem it important that the section of the report dealing with San Francisco should be included in the first volume. I hope that this suggestion will not run counter to any reasons you may have for dividing the report otherwise.

Mr. Reid's two-page map in the form of a double plate should, I think, be conformable with plates 15 and 146; both of which have at the upper left-hand corner the words "Earthquake Investigation Commission", and at the upper right-hand corner the plate number. The plate number for this particular double plate of Mr. Reid's will be, so far as I at present know, number 147. I think, if possible, this plate should have some kind of a line on it to indicate the purpose, something in the shape of a title however brief. If there is room this might go at the bottom or if not, perhaps it could be inserted up in the corner of the plate; or possibly in the middle at the bottom. At any rate I think a title should go on the face of the map.

Replying to yours of February eighth I have to thank you for your kindness in complying with my wishes in the matter of bringing the authors names up from the foot note to the center line. I am well aware that I am logically at fault and that from a book-making point of view it is a bad practice, but there are other considerations which weigh with me and I am more anxious to give due prominence to the contributors to the report than to have the arrangement absolutely logical. I am glad, therefore, that you have arranged it in the way I desire; and thank you for the courtesy. I have received the table of contents in your more recent letter and will make any additions or changes that may be necessary and return the same to you. There will, however, be no definition of authorship in the table of contents. I have been at most elaborate pains to credit everybody

in the report with any contribution whatsoever, and to attempt anything like this in the table of contents is practicably impossible; so the credit and authorship must be looked for in the body of the report and not in the table of contents.

Yours sincerely  
Mr. William Barnum  
Chief Clerk, Carnegie Institution  
Washington, D. C.