

Below are parts of the packet faxed by Sarah Demb, Peabody Museum Archivist, to the author, Aug. 3, 2000.

The 5-page letter was from Herbert Dick to an associate and instructor at Harvard University. The letter was in a packet of materials written by Dick (a graduate student in 1947) justifying and documenting his claim to the right to excavate Bat Cave for his doctoral project. Another student from the University of Chicago was also claiming that right.

The typeface for this letter appears to be a pre-World-War-II Royal portable typewriter.

From a letter in the packet dated Dec. 14, 1947, page 3, paragraph 3. Note: The first sentence is in direct contradiction to what the archaeologists said when interviewed by UFO researchers.

Our party proceeded to the Plains of San Augustin on July 1, 1947. We went immediately to the "Y" Ranch, owned by the Hubbell Cattle Company, where I asked Mr. James L. Hubbell, president of that company, if any archaeologist had been in the area in the past year. He stated that he had seen several strange cars on his land but they had never stopped to see him. I asked his permission to run exploratory trenches in Bat Cave and explained my plans in detail. He readily granted this permission and we established a camp at the foot of the cave and began trenching. We spent two weeks carefully contouring, mapping, and trenching the cave, and surveying the area immediately around the cave. The trenching proved significant and the results were better than we had hoped for. The projectiles from the lowest levels were similar to those collected by the aforementioned people from a blow-out site west of the cave and across the old lake basin from it. Until that time none of the material collected in the cave itself had given any indication that it might have been occupied by Early Man.

From the same Dec. 14, 1947 letter, describing visits to the Plains of San Augustin and Bat Cave by University of New Mexico graduate students, page 2, fourth paragraph.

McKnight also said that in February, 1947 he had made a second trip to the Plains of San Augustin, on which he was accompanied by the following people: A. E. Dittert, W. F. McConnell, R. F. Arnold, L. M. Pierson, and R. Drake, all of the University of New Mexico. A blow-out site and Bat Cave were visited by this group.

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