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COLLECTOR OF  
INDIAN BASKETS  
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Property of St. Joseph Museums

Mr. Harry L. George  
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Oakland, Cal.  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Dear Sir:

I take great pleasure in sending you herewith list and photographs of my Indian Baskets - as requested in your letter of Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 19.

To group and photograph Indian Baskets is not an easy matter and while I tried my very best taking these pictures - I regret to say the general result is not what I expected them to be.

There are many pieces in collection which show quality of weave and natural color shades.

Color - shades can not be shown at all and to produce all good and fine weaves would mean too much work and expense in the line of photographing - therefore can only lay before you the right groups taken some time ago.

Making a specialty in collecting Indian Baskets - I have collected only Baskets worth while having; modern or so called "commercially made to sell" Baskets - I have none.

Have made a thoroughly study of Indian Baskets - and collecting them among the various tribes of Indians for many years - I am proud to state my Collection is known as a small but good Collection out here.

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Am not acquainted with Ernest Curator of Golden Gate Park Museum - but ask you kindly to write the former Curator Mr A. Barron care of Sutter Str. Debs Room - 422 Sutter str. San Francisco, Cal.

Mr Barron can tell you all you care to know relative my Basket-Collection & general standing etc. For further references I wish you would also address Mr R. E. Heier who is with the Interstate Commerce Commission Bureau of Valuation - 719 Wells Fargo Bldg. San Francisco, Cal.

There are many pieces in collection which cost from 5-10-25-50 to 75 dollars per piece; and to describe them all I really would not know where to begin.

I call your attention to the last photograph a very fine Point Basket - 70 to 75 stitches per inch. Mrs. Hearst's finest Point Basket had not over 60 stitches per inch - but I have counted 75 stitches per inch on above mentioned Basket.

Another Basket where photograph does not do justice is the large China Basket - Page 2 bottom photo. (Bowl shape)

- Weight of Basket 4 lb.
- Height 12 inches
- Diameter 20 "
- Circumference 62 "

I got this old Bowl from an Arizona family -

3)

they had it 40 or 50 years in their family -  
Loren I don't buy history and in this case  
I care for the real goods more than all the  
history connected with the Basket.

Wish you could see the collection and judge  
for yourself. -

All Baskets are numbered & classified.  
I assure you there are many pieces which  
Money could not buy anywhere and the price  
I am asking for the entire collection of 150 pieces  
is just about our half what the collection is worth.

The 8 groups are as follows:

- Page 1 top: Pomo
- " 2 " Mission - Maidu etc
- " 3 " Apache
- " 4 " Navajo - Pinto - Apache
- " Tulare, Mono - Maidu etc.
- " Pima
- " Alaska, Washoe etc.
- " very fine Pomo  
Water Bottles 75 stitches per inch.

List of Baskets:

Alaska - Thit & Thikitat	12	pieces
Apache	19	"
California - Mission - Maidu - Mono - Modest: Digger	36	"
Tulare & Pomo	44	"
Navajo Commonest Baskets	3	"
Pima	17	"
Old Navajo - Pinto & Apache Water Bottles	7	"
Washington & B. C. Cooking Baskets	2	"
1 Tulare set of Gambling Dice for Gambling tray	1	"
8 very fine - small Pomo & 1 very small Pima	9	"
	<u>150</u>	pieces

4)

Presume you have many good old Navajo Blankets - but while writing you this letter I call your attention to a very fine and very old Pueblo Blanket, there is none in the San Francisco or Oakland Museum.

The one I have is a very fine old Quivi Ceremonial Blanket in perfect condition and at least 100 years old.

I had same about 15 years and to party I bought it from had it over 40 years.

Jim N. Brog Mi' the well known New Mexico Indian Trader offered me last summer 175<sup>00</sup> Dollars I cannot let Blanket for less than 200<sup>00</sup>.

Have no photographs on hand - but can ship on approval Blanket or any Basket if you will make satisfactory arrangements - and pay charges both ways.

I think I told you all - but if there is anything you wish to know - please let me hear from you and I will promptly write you again.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration you will give this matter and to hear again from you, I am

Yours very truly  
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