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Mr. Harry L. George,
Room 201, Saxton Bank Bldg.,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a photo of the bows and arrows as requested in yours of April 3rd. The history of these specimens, as nearly as I can get it is as follows:

They were found about the year 1890 by cowboys under a lot of Owl Deposit in some ruins of cliff dwellers in the vicinity of Gallup, N.Mex., and are all probably of Pueblo origin and were bought by my brother at that time. I understand that the place where found seemed to be some sort of arsenal, because there were a lot more specimens there at the time, but while attempting to remove the Owl Deposit the cave was set on fire and destroyed, so that these specimens are all that is left.

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are Ceremonial Bows, carved in various designs and stained in several color schemes, and are in almost perfect condition. No. 4 is a Service Bow, but I hardly think it belongs in this collection as my recollection is that my brother said that but three bows came in this lot. No. 5 arrow is made of some kind of reed with a very fine obsidian head and is in perfect condition. No. 6 is the same as No. 5, except that the staff is broken at the point shown by the white tape. Both Nos. 5 and 6 are very fine specimens. Nos. 7 and 8 are the same as No. 5 without the head and are also in perfect condition. No. 9 is a short piece and is in good condition - what there is of it.

My brother had set a price of \$600.00 on this collection, but I think Mrs. Ackerman would be willing to shade this to \$500.00. Should you be in Chicago some time and will call at my office at 158 W. Ontario Street, I will take great pleasure in showing you the collection. I do not deem it advisable to ship for inspection unless there is a good prospect for a sale, as the danger of breakage is too great. However, should the proposition interest you I will waive my objection and forward the collection for your inspection.

In conclusion I wish to state that the entire collection is of very high grade order and the origin of all of these specimens, with the exception of No. 4, are probably some centuries old, and I doubt very much whether as fine a collection is in existence anywhere at the present time.

Thanking you for your inquiry, I am
Yours very truly,

RAA

R. Ackerman