October 25, 2007

Mr. Gary King, Attorney General Santa Fe Office 408 Galisteo Street Villagra Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. King;

On July 22nd, 2007, we contacted you regarding our request to Stuart Ashman, Secretary of the Department of Cultural Affairs for the State of New Mexico, to inquire into possible unprofessional behavior and perhaps plagiarism on the part of staff at The New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science. Mr. Ashman's response made clear that he had not investigated our concerns, and also threatened us with legal reprisal by your office. We requested that your office exercise its oversight function and examine our questions about the professional behavior on the part of New Mexico state employees. We also requested clarification on the matter of any reprisal action by your office against us.

We have not yet received any response to our letter, and ask if the matter has yet been considered. If you have any questions, please contact us using e-mail (lnjeff@yahoo.com), or by calling (806) 790-9450.

Sincerely,

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