

October 25th, 2007

Governor Bill Richardson

Office of the Governor  
490 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Room 400  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Richardson,

On July 21, we contacted your office 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. We have included a copy of our original letter. Mr. Ashman's response made clear that he had not investigated our concerns, and also threatened us with legal reprisal by the Attorney General's office. We received a reply (dated August 10<sup>th</sup>) from your Chief of Staff informing us that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Ashman, and directed him to contact us directly. We greatly appreciate Mr. Jimenez's intervention on our behalf.

However, it has now been over two months, and we have received no communication of any kind from Mr. Ashman. We would appreciate it if you could remind Mr. Ashman to contact us. We have greatly appreciate your intervention and interest in this case.

Sincerely,

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