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My dear Pepper:

I am delighted to learn that your reported death was a gross exaggeration. Rumor had it that your spirit had been lost in a premature explosion of a complicated set of copper coils, etc.

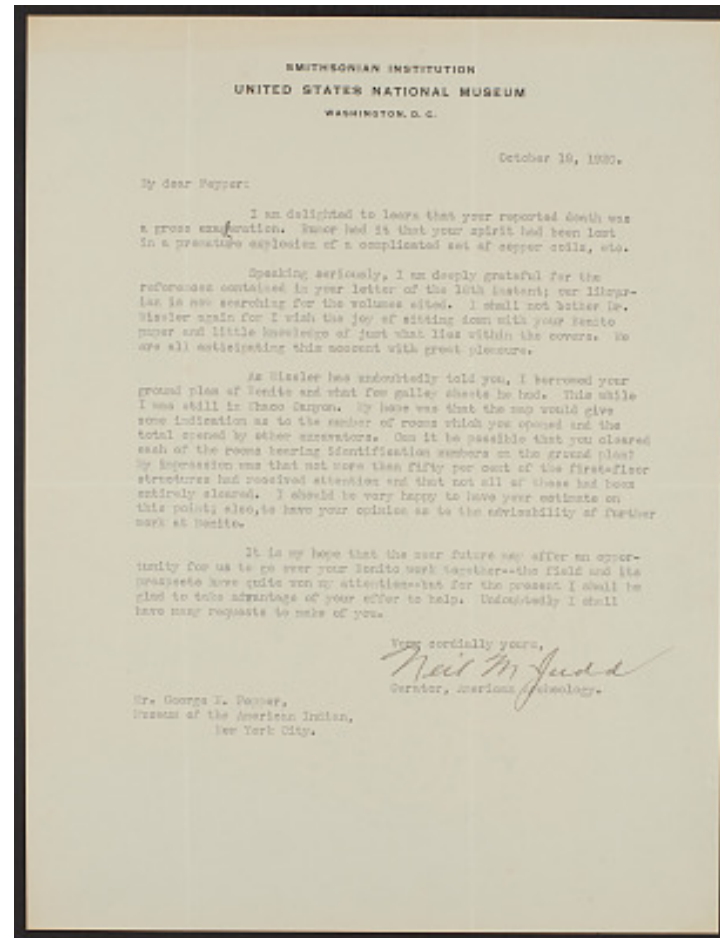
Speaking seriously, I am deeply grateful for the references contained in your letter of the 16th instant; our librarian is now searching for the volumes cited. I shall not bother Dr. Wissler again for I with the joy of sitting down with you Bonito paper and little knowledge of just what lies within the covers. We are all anticipating this account with great pleasure.

As Wissler has undoubtedly told you, I borrowed your ground plan of Bonito and what few galley sheets he had. This while I was still in Chaco Canyon. My hope was that the map would give some indication as to the number of rooms which you opened and the total opened by other excavators. Can it be possible that you cleared each of the rooms bearing identification numbers on the ground plan? My impression was that not more than fifty per cent of the first-floor structures had received attention and that not all of these had been entirely cleared. I should be very happy to have your estimate on this point; also, to have your opinion as to the advisability of further work at Bonito.

It is my hope that the near future may offer an opportunity for us to go over your Bonito work together--the field and its prospects have quite won my attention--but for the present I shall be glad to take advantage of your offer to help. Undoubtedly I shall have many requests to make of you.

Very cordially yours,  
Neil M Judd  
Curator, American Archeology.

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