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Prof. Scott L. Waugh
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Dear Prof. Waugh,

According to the President and CEO of the San Diego Natural History Museum, a "Virtual Reality Tour," which is appended to the exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls now being presented there, was prepared not at the museum but entirely by unnamed parties at UCLA. (See attached copies of [a] my letter to the president and [b] his reply of 29 October.)

I would be most grateful if, with the assistance of your staff, you or the appropriate staff member designated by you would indicate to me who were the university parties engaged in preparing this presentation, and if it was indeed totally created at UCLA without active cooperation between the two institutions.

Insofar as my name appears in the working copy of the text now in my possession, and in a way which demonstrably distorts my role in the history of Dead Sea Scrolls scholarship, I have no choice but to deal with the ethical implications of the initiative in question. I am dismayed to learn that efforts of the kind necessarily implied in the working text of the presentation at issue (copy enclosed) may have been carried out at such a distinguished graduate research university as UCLA is.

With cordial good wishes, and in the hope of receiving further information on this matter through your collegial aid, I am

Very cordially yours,


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