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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons/Presidents
Alaska Native villages, corporations and
organizations

DATE: November 5, 1993

FROM: Peter L. Corey
Curator of Collections
Sheldon Jackson Museum

It is the goal of the Sheldon Jackson Museum to comply with the terms of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 to make every effort to disseminate information about our collection to interested individuals and Native groups.

The Sheldon Jackson Museum was founded in late 1887 by the Alaska Natural History and Ethnological Society of which Sheldon Jackson was a founding member and major donor. The museum collection currently consists of approximately 6000 individual items, the greater majority of which originated with Alaska Natives. The types of objects represented include transportation vehicles, household equipment, hunting and fishing equipment, clothing and jewelry and ceremonial items. Most of the collection (approximately 4000 pieces) was assembled by Sheldon Jackson between 1888 and 1898. The documentation consists primarily of the information that Sheldon Jackson wrote on the items at the time he collected them, usually including where collected, year and the collector. In 1972/73 Dr. Erna Gunther cataloged the collection based on the villages, tribal groups or areas where Sheldon Jackson or his contemporaries collected the items. Attached is a summary of the Sheldon Jackson Museum's catalog.

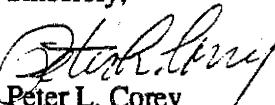
The human remains in the collections consist of:

- 2 skulls from Adison Cove near Sitka (thought to be Aleut)
- Cremated human remains--Sitka area
- Box of cremated remains--unlocated (thought to be from Southeast Alaska)

The Sheldon Jackson Museum does not actively collect archaeological pieces nor human remains.

We hope that this information will serve as a base for further contact. If you would like more information on any of the items listed, please feel free to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,


Peter L. Corey
Curator of Collections

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

Count of Cataloged Items by Category (November 1, 1993)

I. NORTHWEST COAST

A. Tlingit
B. Haida
C. Tsimshian
D. Kwakiutl
E. Nootka
F. Bella Coola
G. NW Coast
H. Puget Sound
X. Unlocated

	721
	54
	20
	5
	3
	1
	45
	2
	14
TOTAL	865

II. ESKIMO

A. Nushagak
B. Andreafsky
C. Port Clarence
D. Prince of Wales
E. King Island
F. Anvik
G. St. Michael
H. Lower Yukon
I. No Category
J. Nome
K. Point Hope
L. Kozlfsky
M. St. Belcher
N. Siberia
O. Nunivak - Nelson Island
P. Arctic Ocean
Q. Kodiak
R. Unalakleet
S. Kuskokwim
T. Noatak River
U. Cape Thompson
V. Point Barrow
W. Kobuk River
X. Unlocated
Y. Kotzebue Sound
Z. St. Lawrence
AA. Little Diomed
BB. Yukon Territory
CC. Chugach
DD. Anaktuvuk Pass
EE. Cook Inlet

	61
	160
	32
	133
	141
	64
	62
	106
	0
	85
	290
	1
	1
	101
	24
	223
	6
	44
	197
	46
	7
	132
	43
	748
	167
	122
	20
	4
	6
	5
	2
TOTAL	3,033

III. ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

A. Unalaska Island
B. Attu Island
C. Unimak Island
D. No Category
E. Fox Island
F. Akutan
G. St. Paul
H. Chernofski
X. Unlocated

	24
	22
	4
	0
	0
	1
	5
	1
	34
TOTAL	91

IV. ATHABASKAN

A. Shageluk
B. Porcupine River
C. Circle City
D. Talkaetna
E. Telegraph Creek
F. Copper River
G. Tanaina
H. Carrier Indian
X. Unlocated

	16
	2
	7
	9
	1
	1
	1
	2
	62
TOTAL	101

TOTAL NUMBER OF OBJECTS

	4,090
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