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Dear Mr. Marsh,

Your letter of the 20th of May is to hand & I hasten to reply it.

I will follow your suggestion & defer action for the present. If you will advise me when to take up the subject again I will be obliged to you.

I am quite aware of the restrictions imposed by the State Department upon the official action of its officers, & ^{I only wish} ~~that they wish~~ to get some hints from you preliminary to a formal negotiation.

We shall have a vast amount of material in the way of pottery & other articles of interest, from the Pueblo villages in New Mexico & Arizona, including thousands of vases etc. illustrating a phase of savage or semi-civilised art.

I spoke particularly of Comperian articles, as these would have a special historical value to Americans.