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Oakland, Dec. 20th 1919.

Mr Harry L. George
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Dear Sir:

Wish to thank you for check
in payment of Quai Blanket & your letter of Dec. 16th.
Mailed letter yesterday & returned photographs by
registered mail.

Have decided not to write Mr Gutman until I hear
from you - relative to contents in yesterday's letter.

As to your letter of Dec. 16 'wish to state I rather see you
get all the choice Baskets instead the Hudson Bay Co.

Presume Mr Gutman knows all about Alaskan materials
but doubt he knows California - Arizona & New Mexico
Baskets as you and I know them!

As stated in my first letter I repeat - "commercially
made to sell" Baskets I did not collect - only such pieces
which were actually used by the Indians - I have collected.

By all means - please keep Photographs of Baskets;
the photograph which I enclosed in yesterday's letter
I do believe will do for Mr. Gutman.

Dat-sol-lal-lee is quite an old squaw - but still
working for A. Cohen - Carson City - Nev.

I have the Smithsonian Annual Report of 1902 and
consider it the best book on Basketry.

The time this report was issued (1902) Dat-sol-lal-lee
made the best Washoe Baskets ever known!

Mr Cohen was smart enough to engage Dat-sol-lal-lee for good
and she has been making Baskets for Cohen ever since!

Tourists have paid Cohn big prices for Dat-sol-lal-lee's work and when I ask her several years ago: how much? she replied: You go and see Mr Cohn -

Cohn's prices run from 20-50-100-200-500-1000 and up to 2500⁰⁰ for a single Dat-sol-lal-lee Basket:

It takes a Cohn how to make money!

The most interesting part in Cohn does not pay any money to Dat-sol-lal-lee - he just gives her board and lodgings.

But the old Indian squaw's days are counted and with her passing away - the best Washoe Baskets will do likewise. I understand there are only 2 or 3 other Washoe Basket-makers known - but all are old squaws and rarely work anymore.

Good, old Washoe Baskets are rare and expensive. - I have not allowed myself to buy Baskets lately - on account of Business - Nurses and to make a long story short will say War-conditions are responsible and this is the very reason why I try to sell my Baskets which indeed are dear to me; However my interest in Indian Baskets and other Materials is greater than ever and I can't help saying I love my Baskets - now offered for sale at a most reasonable price. -

About twelve years ago I happened to be on the Navaho Reservation - about 60 miles north of Gallup - New Mexico - and while hunting for real good Blankets

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I found only two good Blanket-rugs.
One is 3 ft 9" wide & 6 1/2 ft long
The other is 4 ft 9" wide & 6 ft 4" long.

Both pieces are good close weaves and natural dyes
and not compared with the goods we find in
the Market of today.

Am wondering if Mr Gutman might buy these
two good pieces - am only asking \$5.00 for the 3'9" x 6 1/2'
and 75.00 for the 4'9" x 6'4".

Hoping again to hear from you -
Wish you a Merry Christmas & remain
Yours truly

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