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Legare Davis and J. D. McCord,
Emory University
Atlanta Ga.

Regret the premature publicity but do not think this precludes further progress and we will cooperate to the fullest in your interesting survey. However please disregard any newspaper comments or statements accredited to me as I have made none.

Richard D. Dixon

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

WE HAVE JUST SEEN AN ARTICLE IN THE RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER FOR NOVEMBER 22 RELATING MOST IMAGINATIVELY TO OUR PROPOSED SURVEY. WE SINCERELY REGRET UNAUTHORIZED INACCURATE PREMATURE PUBLICITY WHICH NECESSITATED ISSUANCE OF FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY UNIVERSITY TO THE PRESS TODAY IN ANSWER TO MOST INSISTENT DEMANDS: QUOTE " THE REPORT THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE EMORY UNIVERSITY FACULTY HAS FOUND THE GRAVE OF VIRGINIA DARE IS FALSE. A STONE BEARING AN INSCRIPTION RELATING TO THE DARE FAMILY HAS BEEN PLACED IN OUR CUSTODY FOR INVESTIGATION. UNPL THE STONE REACHED US, IT HAD ALREADY BEEN GONE OVER WITH AN INDELIBLE PENCIL, A STEEL BRUSH, AND A NAIL IN EFFORTS TO MAKE THE INSCRIPTION LEGIBLE. THIS ADDS TO THE DIFFICULTY OF MAKING AN IMMEDIATE DENIAL OR AFFIRMATION OF THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE INSCRIPTION. MEMBERS OF THE EMORY=

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FACULTY ARE ENGAGED IN DECIPHERING THE INSCRIPTION, BUT UNTIL CERTAIN QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP IT OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE UNWISE FOR THEIR TRANSLATION TO BE MADE PUBLIC. EMORY UNIVERSITY HAS AGREED TO MAKE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE RELIC, ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE MONTHS BEFORE DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS CAN BE REACHED. QUOTE "

ANY FURTHER AUTHORIZED STATEMENT WHICH IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE WILL, WE ASSURE YOU, BE MADE FIRST TO YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES TOGETHER WITH THOSE IN OTHER COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE SO COURTEOUSLY AND HELPFULLY ASSISTED AND COOPERATED SO FAR. STOP. WE WILL HOPE TO MAKE SURVE AS PLANNED IF PRACTICABLE ALTHOUGH POSSIBLE DELAY REACHING YOUR VICINITY. STOP. WILL YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH PRIVATELY ACQUAINT OTHERS WHO HAVE ASSISTED US WITH THIS TELEGRAM. STOP. IF IN YOUR OPINION THIS PUBLICITY WILL NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER PROGRESS WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL AREAS TENTATIVELY OUTLINED. STOP. WE SINCERELY REGRET APPARENT IMPLIED COURTESY TO YOUR CITIZENS PARTICULARLY IN VIEW YOUR IRREPROACHABLE COURTESY=

LEGARE DAVIS J D MCCORD.

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