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Miss Laura Gilpin
Photographer
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 18, 1963. The black and white proofs arrived the other day and this morning, the mounted color slides arrived in good condition. I want to thank you for all of these.

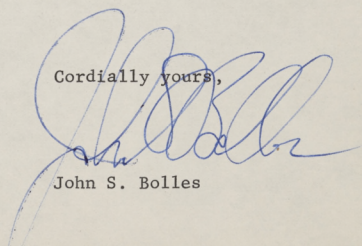
For your information, the Iglesia is the small single room structure northeast of the east wing. It rests on a plinth block which is about the fourth extension of the east wing plinth block. All of these rest on basal terraces which underlie the east wing and underlie in some respects the Iglesia. It is therefore later than the structure supporting the east wing by about four building construction periods. You can take these in the Maya era as being anything from five to twenty years per period.

The beams from the Iglesia now appear to have been around 800 or 900 A.D. which places them about 200 or 300 years earlier than we had thought and would put the earlier Monjas buildings several hundred years before this. The Red House, incidentally, which lies west of the Caracol is apparently about the same age as the Iglesia.

I will need more photographs than those which you have sent to me, since there are not enough details for the kind of report we want to put out. We would also like to have a more general picture, say from the Red House or from the Observatory looking toward the Monjas complex, including the Iglesia. In view of these facts, I have written the young man you told me about in Detroit to see what he has to supplement the beautiful pictures you have sent.

As we progress, I shall keep you informed.

Cordially yours,



John S. Bolles

JSB/gm