

December 21, 1977

Governor Jerry Apodaca
The State Capitol
Santa Fe, N.M. 87501

Dear Governor Apodaca;

There seem to be very many opinions going around the city on the subject of the Indian Museum downtown, at a cost of \$6 million. My understanding has been that the legislature at some cost, brought two note-worthy architects to Santa Fe to give their opinions on this matter and that each individually felt that the best expansion for the museum ~~was~~ an addition to the Laboratory of Anthropology. As this building was constructed originally for the Indian collections, it is the most suitable place in town for the display of this work.

One of the most beautiful interiors in Santa Fe is the small auditorium which is now being used as a library at the Laboratory. Considering the fact that an addition to the Laboratory could be built for a much smaller sum than the \$6 million or more that is being used for the development downtown, it seems to me that a development at the Laboratory is, in my opinion, greatly to be desired. Parking facilities are far more adequate than could be possibly developed downtown. It seems to me, also, that the practical developments and uses are certainly to be desired above others.

Most sincerely yours,

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