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Prof. Alberto Ruz, Director
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Dear Professor Ruz:

Last Spring you very kindly helped me find some references to illustrations of Tikal's Stela 31, published in Mexico. They were references to articles in Mañana and El Universal.

Our library here promised that we could borrow them by inter-library loan. However, even though they have tried for months, it seems that there exists no copy of these publications anywhere in the United States. (I am sure this conclusion must be false, but at least we have not been able to locate any copies that can be borrowed.)

Although the problem is not really critical, for the sake of completeness I would like to be able to say whether or not the Mañana and El Universal photographs could have been models for the Tepic fake sculpture, in addition to the Life photo. Perhaps the Life photo is the only one that has the shadow cast to the left.

I enclose a copy of my article, which will soon be published by the University of Pennsylvania Museum in the Winter issue of Expedition. They will also publish the Tepic fake and the Life magazine photographs, copies of which I also enclose.

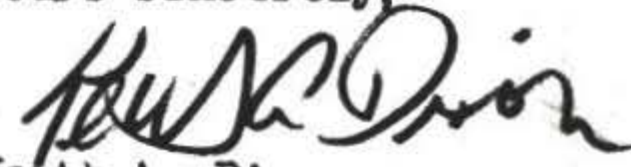
In the top paragraph, page 5, you will see the tentative paragraph that I submitted. I plan to re-write this, depending on whether the Mañana and El Universal photographs are available and depending on what they turn out to be.

So therefore, I would like to beg one more favor: if you happen to have the Mañana and El Universal clippings easily available in your file, would it be possible for you to compare them to the Life photo so that I may quote your opinion in the article?

I hope you might enjoy the article--it was an entertaining project to write it. Please feel free to keep this copy and the photos.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,


Keith A. Dixon
Associate Professor