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Gentlemen:

There is a matter which is considered of such importance that we feel it should be presented to our Government. I am not sure of the procedure in such matters, so if this does not lie within your department, will you kindly pass it on to the proper authorities or notify me whom to contact?

The Pacific Mineralogist, published by the Los Angeles Mineralogical Society, carries in the January issue an article by Britton A. Nicol, entitled "Hieroglyphic Canyon." Mr. Britton is on the teaching staff of the San Fernando High School, is a member of the Mineralogical Society and a leader of a student group; so the authenticity of his article may be vouched for.

This canyon was only partly explored by Mr. Britton and his companions. They uncovered evidences of three different civilizations. A grave in an Indian burial ground revealed a skeleton the thigh bones of which was only about ten inches long and very heavy. The feet and hands were of the same size as a full grown person. Some tribe must have inhabited this region whose members were short and stocky. Some of the canyon walls are covered with hieroglyphics - showing animals, ladders, sign writings, figures both horizontal and vertical.

This discovery is so rare, stories of the ages are written there on the rocks, canyon walls, in the rocky blinds at the water holes, that we feel the region should be preserved in its natural state. We tremble to think what may happen when the souvenir hunters and careless despoilers find the region. After due exploration and surveys, this should be preserved as a National Monument.

The Los Angeles Mineralogical Society and Mr. Nicol would gladly cooperate in order to save this very interesting find. What can be done about it? Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

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