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Hon. George White,  
Chairman, Northwest Territory Celebration Commission,  
Marietta, Ohio.  
Hon. E.M. Hawes, Ex. Director.

My dear Mr. White and Mr. Hawes:

I am leaving early tomorrow morning to spend Christmas with our children. In my place I am leaving Matty Reilly, who has been with me on Mount Rushmore. He is highly trained in the art of pointing and is fully trust worthy in the superintendence of the work I leave in his charge.

His task is to point to <sup>within</sup> one to one half inch on the surface of the main group and to direct the carvers in their work. I have instructed him to keep one carver on the eagles. I have made a model of the eagles which will be blocked for two; then one will be changed in the head and wing to avoid duplication.

When I return in January I shall model the second eagle. Meantime I have left instructions not to disturb the second base stone as it lies in the quarry, as I want the carvers (as I have instructed "Matty") to finish as far as stone will allow; then I'll quarry only stone in the dimensions needed and with care not possible in the large block.

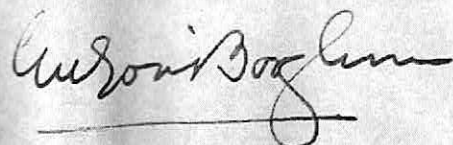
About dimension stone, the carver "Miller" knows what is needed, when he puts his mind to it, but so does Matty and I've warned Matty to keep Miller on the eagles and when free of these put him on the lesser work on the big group. Harris, the gang foreman, is a clear headed workman and I should warn every body to let these men alone. Give them tools, coal and men and the work should not slack a bit.

Pete talks about many things he's going to do, but I imagine we will be weeks or months ahead of his plans, as we are today. We are cutting dimension stone for steps and I wish Pete would not lay that stone until I return; his method is bad and I've told him so.

That covers the work and conditions to date. I shall

return early in January if not before and my son will be with me. I find my own men acquainted with directing and managing this form of labor are needed in this is to be ready in time.

Sincerely yours,

  
Laurion Boglum