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**Aztec, N. Mex.**

**May 20, 1920.**

**My dear Doctor Douglass:-**

You will find herewith a check for \$72.83 to cover expenses itemized in your bill of May 7th. Kindly sign and return the enclosed receipt.

At the first opportunity I shall secure for you the spruce sections concerning which you wrote me. Within the next two months I shall have to make a trip to the vicinity, and would find it more convenient to defer getting the sections until that time. However, if having them in the near future would facilitate your work, inform me, and I will make a special trip to get them.

Very truly yours,

*Carl H. Marris*

**Doctor A. E. Douglass,  
Tucson, Arizona.**

May  
Twenty-seventh,  
1920

Mr. Earl H. Morris,  
Aztec, N. M.

Dear Mr. Morris:

I have your letter of May 20th and enclose a receipt herewith.

I don't like to bother you, but it would be a very valuable help just now if you could get some samples from the place where the spruce sections came from. At present I am obliged to omit all parts of those spruces from 1870 to 1904 because I am uncertain about the date of the rings. If you can reach the stumps you can get enough material for my purpose in half an hour or an hour at most by making a "V" shaped cut in the edge of each stump, bringing away a little triangular piece of wood that extends four or five inches in from the outside of the stump. You will probably remember how we did it on Basin Mountain. Cutting away across the top of the stump would take much longer.

I shall expect to reach Flagstaff on the 10th or 11th of June, and would prefer to have you send these little pieces there if you find a chance to get them. With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.