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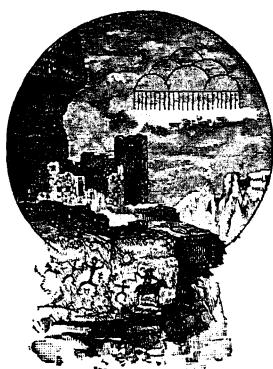
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SIR: I have the honor to submit my Fourteenth Annual Report as Director of the Bureau of Ethnology.

The preliminary portion comprises an exposition of the operations of the Bureau during the fiscal year; the remainder consists of a series of memoirs on anthropologic subjects, prepared by assistants, which illustrate the methods and results of the work of the Bureau.

Allow me to express my appreciation of your constant aid and your wise counsel relating to the work under my charge.

I am, with respect, your obedient servant,



Director

Honorable S. P. Langley,

Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.



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