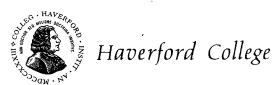
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Dear Prof. Bernabel,

Perusing the testimony this morning, I noted that Nicol at 36505 says he marked CE's 543,544,545 with his initials "JDN". He later says he also examined CE 557 but does not say whether or not he marked the two cases of the exhibit with his initials. One would think he would have — and so I ask: Did your microscopic examination of this exhibit turn up Nicol's (or anyone else's initials) on one case but not on the other? If one of them was substituted after January 1967, it seems likely to me that this refinement might have been missed. Or if you have no notes that been on this, you might want to check it if and when you get back to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Josiah Thompson