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Harold and Howard (cc. Sylvia):

This note refers only to my diagrams of skulls and my correspondence with Morgan. I'll write about other things later-- I'm terribly rushed by many things right now.

I am aware of deficiencies in my skull diagrams and in my correspondence with Morgan. I am at fault for failing to explain some devious thinking that has influenced my approach to Morgan. I ask that you regard these matters as fluid, and that you withhold criticism until they become fixed.

I do not wish to turn Morgan off by appearing to be a pest, demanding more information than he is willing to give, more even than it is necessary to have. Rather I would like to tease information out of him, and to have him volunteer information without being bothered for it. The deficiencies in drawings and correspondence are deliberate. For the time being, let him correct my mistakes, for in doing so, he may inadvertently say more than he otherwise would. If he continues to reply of his own volition, without being pressed, that's fine for us. If not, then I can write later and easily explain why I am still bothered about the accuracy of the diagrams. For a while I would like him to think that I am satisfied, and I would like him to tell me why I ought not to be satisfied.

Devilish, eh? I am mindful of how abruptly he cut Howard off, and would therefore like to try a different approach. Morgan is my "friend", but I have pins sticking out of my fingers, and he is a balloon.

Understand that Morgan can say nothing that detracts from my conclusion. The basic information is fixed, and cannot be revised to my detriment. If he seeks to revise the essential information (that the smallest fragments were located in front), he convicts himself and the other Panel docs of being liars. If he cannot say that the smaller ~~fragments~~ fragments were located nearer to the hole in the back of the head than the larger fragments, then he cannot say anything that ~~detracts~~ saves the official version.

Anyway, these matters are fluid, so please sit tight for a while. Things are going good for me with Morgan, and they could go better.

Still,

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