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Dr. Carl Behrens, Editor
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Dear Dr. Behrens:

I have received the copy of Science News, Vol. 99, No. 6, pp. 89-104, which you forwarded to me following our telephone conversation earlier this month. On page 100 of this issue you refer to information which was discussed in the course of our telephone interview. It is not my habit to receive interviews by telephone, but I made an exception in this case. Having read the article "The Search for New World Man" and noted the way I have been misquoted, I am obliged to write and set you straight on what I did in fact say to you. I hope that you will publish these corrections in the letters section of a subsequent issue of Science News.

1. Professor Thomas Lynch is the actual discoverer of the skeletal material from Guitarrero Cave.

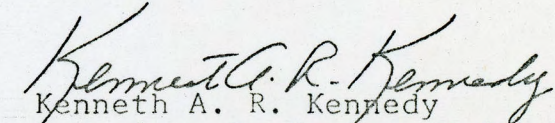
2. I do not conclude from the date of the Guitarrero Cave material that the time of man's entry into the New World was 40,000 years ago. Rather this date is an impression that I, as a palaeoanthropologist, have formed from the study of myriad kinds of data. It is a suggestion of a minimal antiquity for man in the New World. It is most certainly not an attempt to "pinpoint" a period of time in prehistory, as I assured you in our conversation. I quite agree with Dr. Wormington that there is no reason to suppose that there existed a "Patagonia-or-bust attitude" about the peopling of this part of the world.

3. I did not say that "if the Calico deposit is half million years old the artifacts couldn't be authentic because the sapiens line didn't go back that far". This statement makes no sense at all. Dr. Carter is quite correct in observing its nonsense, but I find it embarrassing that this colleague should be led to believe that I could have made a statement of this sort.

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Thank you for your attention to these details. In all other respects, I found your article informative and interesting.

Sincerely yours,


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