

O. Copy of letter from Robert Helfenstine (engineer)

Carl, this is a copy of the letter I sent to John Morris.

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Dear Dr. Morris,



I have just returned from a short trip to Glen Rose where I was gathering some additional information for the BSA Paluxy Task Force Report. Much of our information is obtained from activities sponsored by Dr. Carl Baugh and the Creation Evidences Museum, and one of the most recent bits of information is in relation to the fossil finger. The finger was sectioned by diagonal cuts as shown in the sketch. Internal details were surprisingly clear. The epidermis showed on most of the periphery, and the bone outline was not difficult to discern. Bone marrow was a different color from the rest of the bone. The flesh pad on the palm side of the finger was properly proportioned to the other details just as in a normal finger. Any arguments that this is just an interesting piece of limestone will be nothing more than that, just arguments.

Carl has also had the Burdick track sectioned diagonally through the heel, and this cut shows distinct pressure alteration to the limestone structure. That may not be convincing to the evolutionists since they have branded this track as a carving.

The final word is not in on the tooth. Dr. Petra Wilder-Smith is in the U.S., and Carl is anticipating a visit from her sometime soon. Hopefully she can provide some insight into the enamel microstructure of the tooth. Other than that, the tooth seems to meet all criteria for a human tooth.

When I get a reasonably complete draft of our report put together (there are 55 pages so far), I would like to send you a copy for review and comments. Could you take some time for such a review? I'm not going to make a promise as to a date, but hopefully it will be before spring.

BSA and others are concerned about the academic battle ICR is having with the state of California and pray that the outcome will be favorable to continued operation of the school without state interference.

Sincerely in HIS service,

Bob Helfenstine

Appendage O.