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March 17, 1966

Dear True West:

After reading "Invitation to a Ghost Walk" (Apr. 66) I have several statements to make. I just let me say that I believe Mr. & Mrs. Mc Gee wrote this article in good faith but my husband & I most assuredly believe they were given erroneous information somewhere.

Several years ago my husband & I were privileged to see these pieces of stone the map is on. At that time they were in the possession of the man who found them. The man Mr. Marlowe calls "Jack." (Not his real name and a relative instead of a friend as Mr. Marlowe says.) "Jack" found

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These stones on an arrowhead hunt, not on a sightseeing trip as Mr. Marlowe states!

Next - We saw these stones in 1959 and at that time the owner was still alive and did not die until Oct. of, I believe, 1960. So how could Mr. Marlowe have gotten them in 1956 from "Jack's" widow, years before "Jack's" death? I will concede that "Jack" died of a heart attack.

"Jack" showed these stones to Mr. Marlowe and discussed them with him in the hope of cooperating to find this treasure. This could explain Mr. Marlowe's 9 yrs. of search.

Mr. Marlowe also states that he found a

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Came that he claimed to be empty. We have good reason to believe, in that case, or possibly in another case, Mr. Marlowe found, among other things, an old Spanish pack saddle. It is also our belief that in each of the triangle areas mentioned in the story Mr. Marlowe has found things he is not admitting to.

Well, Mr. Editor, my hand has gotten tired so will quit even tho' I have left things unsaid. Except for one or two things more. At this time we have in our possession drawn portions of these maps taken from the originals.

It is also our desire
that "Mrs. Jack" and her
family be included in sharing
this treasure when it is found,
(And we believe it will be found)
since it was her husband who
started the ball rolling & the
ghosts walking & supposedly
gave his life in search of
this fabulous treasure.

We'd be very interested in
hearing from Mr. Marlowe
and/or ~~Mr.~~ Mrs. Jack Mc Gee dis-
cussing these points I've raised
to either prove or disprove
them.

Sincerely,
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Bernice McGee
4612 Merida
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April 26, 1966

Dear Mrs. Hainer:

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We have also been told "Mrs. Jack" passed away not too long after leaving the maps with Mr. Marlowe. She knew at that time she was dying of stomach cancer. Her daughter will be remembered should Marlowe ever find whatever is at the end of the trail. Don't sell these people short... they are good people, and arrangements were and are being made for Jack's daughter.

I do not know how and where you received the information about Spanish saddlebags in a cave, and all the other things he supposedly found in the triangulated area's, nor is it any of our business, but as I said... we will be glad to forward your letter to Mr. Marlowe, and he can speak for himself, should he feel it necessary.

Thank you for taking the time to write about this matter, Mrs. Hainer. I'm sure you are concerned about Jack's family, since your letter indicates a strong feeling for them. From what we have been told by the Marlowe's, they too, had a good relationship with the family, and still do! I think if you will check a little farther, the daughter is the remaining member of the family.

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M. McGee
(Mrs. McGee)

TRANSCRIPTION: by Garry Cundiff

The following is simply a transcription of the typed Bernice McGee letter above. It was included due to the poor quality of the copy.

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Mrs. Bernice McGee

COMMENTS: (Garry)

The McGee's answered Pat Hainer's letter and they defended Mitchell. They apparently shared the contents with Clarence Mitchell. There is no documented response by Mitchell that has survived.

This was the last correspondence for some time. Over the next several years the McGees began to question the authenticity of the maps. In 1971 they again contacted the Hainers, and began following up on several of Pat's assertions and apparently asking some additional questions. That letter has not survived.