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It is a pleasure to acknowledge receipt of General Pitt Rivers' courteous note of July 29 last, and to explain that, although the Bureau of American Ethnology is an administrative branch of the Smithsonian Institution, it is a distinct governmental bureau, occupying quarters in a different part of the city of Washington, and maintaining its own library which is used by ethnologists not only within the bureau but without. Accordingly works designed for ethnologic purposes in this country and particularly in Washington should be addressed to the Bureau of American Ethnology and not to the Smithsonian Institution. Misapprehension concerning the distinctness of the libraries is not unnatural and is quite common, despite the explicit statements contained in the "Advertisement" inserted in each of the more recent publications and in the printed announcements of transmission.

Thanking General Pitt Rivers for his courteous communication,
I am,

Very respectfully,

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Acting Director.

General Pitt Rivers,
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