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Mr. William F. Baggerman  
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Dear Mr. Baggerman,

On behalf of the Division of Physical Anthropology, the Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, I would like to extend our appreciation for your donation of the Imitation Shrunken Head which you acquired in Ecuador in 1947.

The specimen has been entered into the National Museum of Natural History Registrar's Office under the Regist. No. 409916. All correspondence and information concerning this specimen will be kept in a file under this number.

The imitation shrunken head is a useful addition to the collections, as a illustration of the use of animal skin to manufacture a simulated human shrunken head. Our previous illustration was much smaller and not as well made.

I look forward to possibly receiving the photographs that we discussed in our previous telephone conversation, if it is not too expensive or inconvenient for you. If I may be of any further assistance to you in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

David R. Hunt, Ph.D.  
Physical Anthropologist  
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Robert L. White  
Appraisals

August 29, 1995

To Whom It May Concern:

I have examined the photos of a fake or copy shrunken head, circa 1947, that was the property of Mr. William F. Baggerman of Sarasota, Florida.

In my opinion the head is a typical common type fake done in South America and sold to tourists by the hundreds. I have personally owned in my thirty years of collecting original heads some eighty heads very close to this one. I have also owned many very high grade fakes which were fashioned to try to fool the buyers into thinking they were original !! So, with regard to this head in question I feel a fair market value would be about \$300.00. I know I could replace it at that price.

I trust this helps put a dollar value on this item as I feel very sure in doing that as I have collected original heads for over thirty years and as of this writing own 31 original specimens and some 10 very good fakes.

Sincerely,



Robert L. White

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