

Smithsonian Instⁿ

Aug. 25. th 1865

Dear Sir

I am sorry to inform you that all the copies of the Reports for years previous to 1863 were burned in the fire which occurred at the Instⁿ last winter. A stray copy can occasionally be picked up at the stall of a second hand book seller. A man by the name of Hunter in this city makes a business of collecting for sale extra copies of Congressional Documents. He may have a

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copy of the Report for 1861
for which we will probably
charge one dollar.

I am respectfully
your obt. servt

Joseph May

Wm. C. McDermott

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