

**Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item in the Possession of the University of Iowa, Museum of Natural History.**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 of the intent to repatriate a cultural item in the possession of the University of Iowa, Museum of Natural History, that meets the definitions of "sacred object" and "object of cultural patrimony" under Section 2 of the act.

The cultural item consists of one large carved wooden object. This object measures 25 3/4" long by 2 3/4" diameter. The date of collection and provenance of the object are unknown. Museum records indicate that the object may have been obtained in the early 1880's by Daniel H. Talbot of Sioux City, Iowa, who donated his extensive personal collection to the museum in 1891.

The form of the object leads the Museum to believe it is of Zuni origin, and most likely represents a Zuni War God. Copies of museum records and photographs of the object have been provided to the Pueblo of Zuni. Authorized representatives of the Pueblo of Zuni have viewed the object and concur with the identification of the object as a Zuni War God. The Pueblo of Zuni has requested repatriation of the object from the University of Iowa, Museum of Natural History, in a letter dated November 29, 1993. The University of Iowa, Museum of Natural History, has no objection.

The object has been transferred to representatives of the Pueblo of Zuni. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with this object are advised to contact Robert E. Lewis, Governor, Pueblo of Zuni, Box 339, Zuni, New Mexico 87327, telephone: (505) 782-4481.

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