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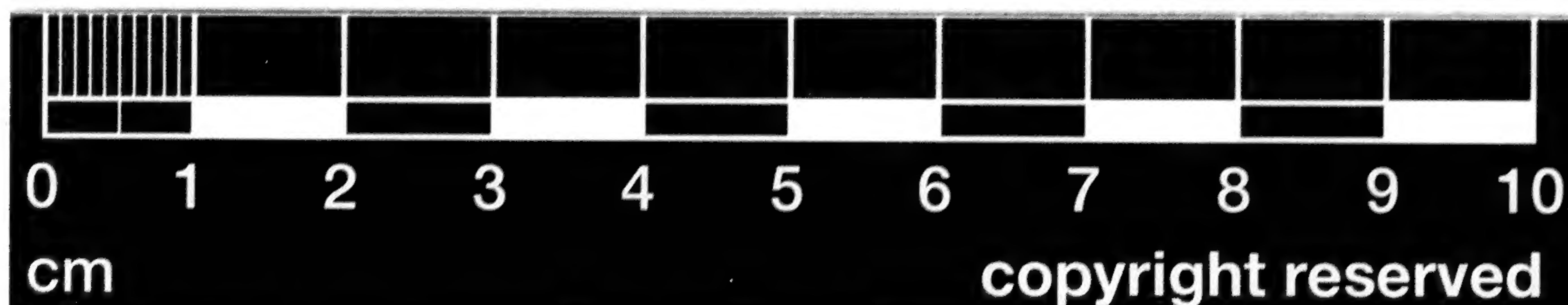
Washington City, D.C.
March 12th 1852

Dear Sir.

On the 9th inst (about ten days after my return here from Mexico) I received a large mail, returned to me from El Paso, - having failed, through the carelessness of the postmaster at Santa Fe, to reach me there as it should have done. Among the letters was yours of the 1st of September last, which I have perused with great interest.

Please write and let me know if the barrel of cacti, which I forwarded to you from El Paso in July last, reached you, and if in good condition. - if many of the plants were alive, &c.

You ask me to explain the sentence in my letter of July which alludes to the place of final deposit of the specimens. I will do so with pleasure. What I meant by it was this. The Government will wish, if it be possible, to possess a full set of the specimens collected by its various expeditions to be




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preserved here, at the seat of Government,
say in the Cabinet or green house of the
Smithsonian Institution. All the plants that
can be preserved alive will be put into the
green house, labelled to shew from what
collection or expedition they came, and
scrupulously with the names (Genera, species,
&c) of the plants, and the name of the
naturalist who ~~first~~ described them.

It is not intended so to deposit them
until after their descriptions are published,
thus securing the professional credit to the
describing naturalist. After these pub-
-lications, or before should it be necessary
to preserve them alive, duplicates of them
may be deposited as you suggest any
where that you might desire.

If a set is preserved alive for deposit
in Washington, I will, after you have
described them fully, see that they are
brought here at the public expense.

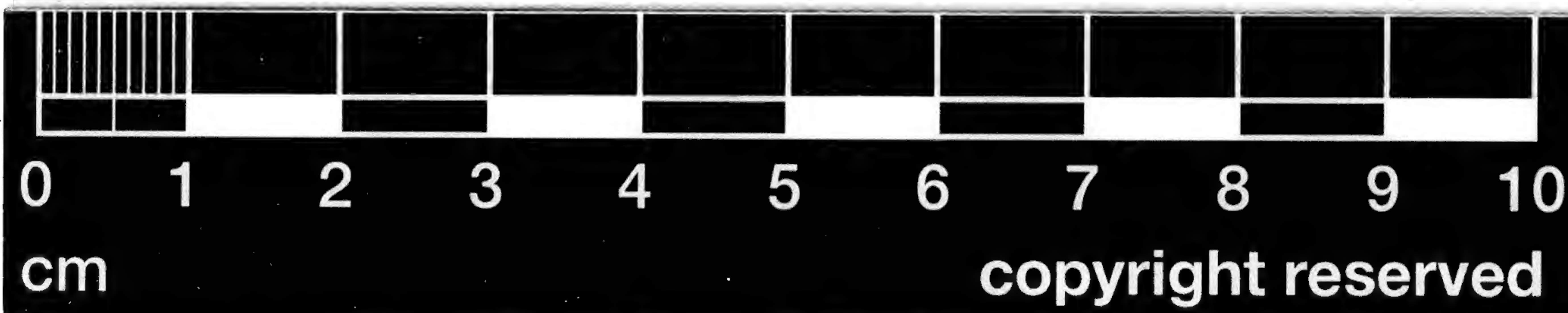


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Now, please let me know if you see any objection to this course. It seems to me if it be practicable to carry it out, it is the best way to give the due fame & credit to the describing naturalist. I shall be most happy however to adopt any suggestions from you on this point, and indeed I now authorize you to distribute them in the manner suggested in your letter, in this country & Europe, provided there are enough of them, without waiting further instructions.

Should Mr. Wright send you further collections, which I am sure he will do, all the specimens marked as collected previous to December 1st 1857 will belong to my contributions and I beg you will note them accordingly. He acted under my command & direction up to that time.

I wish you would send me as soon as



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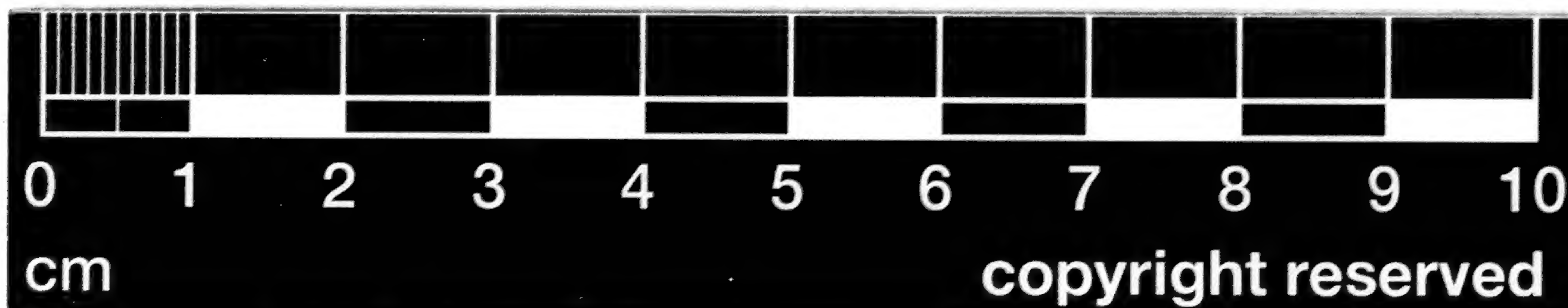
possible, a synopsis of any that you
may have found to be new among those
you have already received, indicating
genera, species, &c after your own
naming. I am now engaged on a
curatory report to the Department of the
Interior, giving a mere outline of what
has been done, and as I am to embrace a
short account of what we discovered new
in the zoological department, from the
pens of Professors Baird & Girard, I
would like to add from your pen whatever
may have been found new among the
Cactaceous plants. Of course your more
full descriptions, if not yet completed, will
be received hereafter & published with
the general report upon the expedition.

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I remain with much respect
Your W. Serv^t

Professor G. Engelmann
M. D.
St. Louis, Mo.

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Rec^d Sept 25th

El Paso del Norte,
July 23rd 1857.

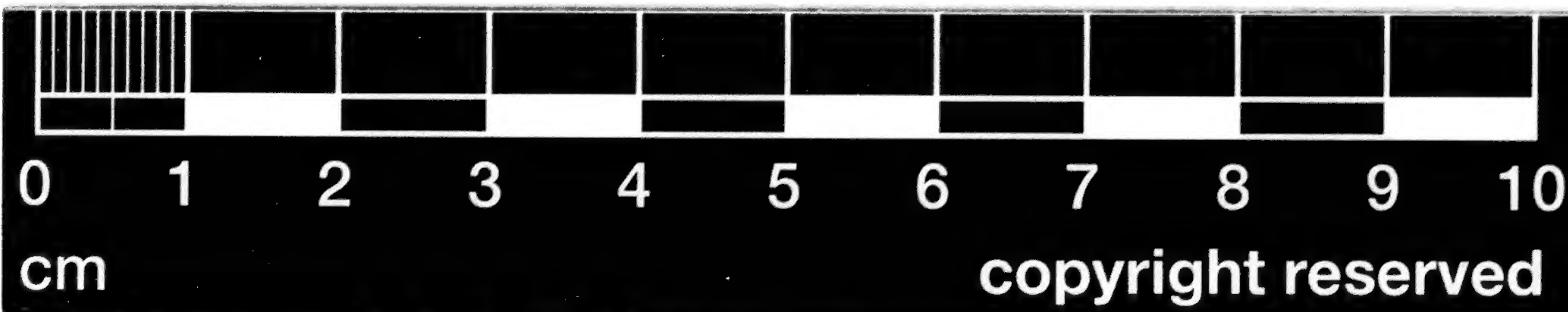
Dr. George Engelmann
St. Louis.

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Dear Sir.

I have
sent this day to Indianola, by Mr.
W. J. Smith's wagon train, a box
directed to you at St. Louis, con-
taining some specimens of Cacti
not heretofore sent, which my
Assistant Mr. Wright has collected
near this place within a few days.

The box will be forwarded to you
via New Orleans, by Lieut: E. Hayes,
Quarter Master U.S. Army stationed
at Indianola. Please consider
it as a part of the collection heretofore



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sent to you to be disposed of in the
same way.

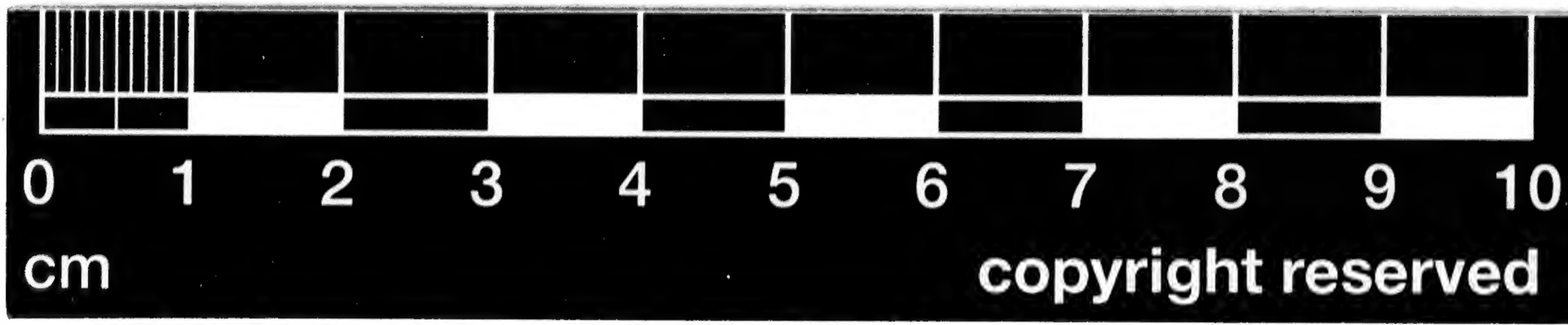
I am very respectfully

Yours truly

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Attest: A. J. S. Corp



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