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Interior view of burial scene located in St. Catherine's Monastery, a Greek Orthodox site located at the foot of Mt. Sinai in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt. Identified by Thayer as "the skulls of the deceased monks piled high in the Charnal House." Photograph taken as part of a trip diplomat and author Charles W. Thayer and his wife Cynthia took in March 1961. Photos intended for a possible magazine article by Thayer.

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