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Dear Are:

Thanks for your letter of Feb. 7th and please excuse the tardy reply. We were in Mexico when the letter arrived and since my return it has been nothing but work and funeraly for six of our friends. I guess you have heard that Dr. Earl Swanson died of a sudden heart attack on Easter morning and this has left a great void in my life. He was a very dear friend and certainly the father of lithic technology. There is no one who can fill his shoes. Our department is now without a chairman and a museum director and we don't really know which way to turn. I will finish out this semester and get the students graduated but after that the future is obscure.

Regarding the questions in your letter, I think we are just talking about semantics and I can easily explain the difference to you but not at this particular time. I plan to attend the meetings in Dallas and would hope that you, too, would be there. If so, I will bring you letter with me and we can go over it step by step and I think I can satisfy your questions. One thing is that Rick is approaching this from a mechanical standpoint and I am approaching the techniques from the manipulative process. The two are vastly different.

Do try and come to Dallas. The students have planned two lithic symposiums and there will be some interesting papers there. We can get together then and clear up all your questions.

Excuse the short answer to your interesting and important letter but I am not reconciled to Earls passing and just can not seem to get down to business.

Hope to see you soon.

With best wishes,

Don

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