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Dear Don and Evelyn,

I was happy to hear from Ruthann that the operations went well and that the prognosis is excellent. Some other archeologist-flintknappers in this area are rejoicing also. In case you don't know it, Don, there are many people that you haven't even heard about who have been inspired greatly by your work - thru verbal communication, your writings and your films.

I just thought that I would drop a few lines to $\ensuremath{\mathbb{W}}$ wish you the best for a fast recuperation.

For a change, I am working again as an engineer to earn some living while continuing my studies in archeology. I spend a day a week at the Heye Foundation analyzing some lithic materials from Virginia and North Carolina — and am seeing some amazingly fine workmanship in quartzite. I do still find time, however, to do some knapping regularly and to try to understand some of the questions of mechanics from experiments combined with theoretical approaches. But give me, perhaps, a few decades of time on those problems!

With very best wishes,

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P.S. Evelyn, don't let Don knap before he has been on his feet a little while!