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Dear Ray:

Please pardon my long delay in answering your letter of July 13th and enclosure of \$200.00 check. Thank you so much, for this amount really helps to cover gas, motels, etc. Going to Grasshopper is something we look forward to each year and this season was especially nice. What a fine crew you have there and what wonderful material they are excavating!

Received a short note from Bordes: "Thanks to the University of Arizona, I will see you in Kimberly in the Spring". Then received a letter from Tixier saying that he would be here in Kimberly for two weeks in either March or April. Then received another short note from Bordes saying that he and Tixier had gotten together in the Dordogne and decided it would be great fun if they could be here in Kimberly together. So, right now, I really don't know when Bordes is planning to be in Arizona. We are really thrilled at the prospect of having both men here at the same time - but what does this do to the conference in Tempe. Have written this information to Marie and thought that you and she could work out something to have both men attend the meeting in Tempe. Whatever you work out will be okay with me, for I can come to Tempe at your convenience.

NBC is tentatively planning to make a special "The First American" - tracing from the Bearing Straits down to South America. They called me regarding including some flintknapping coverage. When they asked if any film was available on using stone tools, I referred them to Dr. Longacre for as I remember he did have some movie coverage of the bear skinning at Grasshopper. He may have heard from them by this time - if not, address is NBC News, Room 468, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020 - Craig Fisher, producer; Bonnie Buchanan research. Anyway, if you get a call or letter from these people, they will be referring to the bear skinning.

We plan to leave the 6th of Oct. for Andover, New York, Washington and Chapel Hills. Am most anxious to see Byers material and work with Wilmsen in Washington. Since I have seen you, Swanson has made two movies - one at the quarry site in Oregon doing preforming, blanking and some finishing and another we just finished in our backyard on closeups of pressure work. This has certainly put me behind in my work on Hohokam, but tell Emil it is shaping up and when I return in November it should not be too much work to get it together and send it down. Sorry about this, but one just can't make films and write too.

Please give our best to your staff and we will hope to see you this Spring.

Yours very truly,

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