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Dear Norman:

Thank you so much for your nice letter and for sending the slide and please forgive me for the delay in answering. Have had a series of visitors and just could not find the time to keep up on correspondence. My last guest was Francois Bordes whom I am sure you have seen by now and do hope you and he had a nice visit.

Do hope you and Dorothy had a pleasant trip and caught some interesting butterflys. We certainly enjoyed your visit here and do hope you will come back again. I was so delighted with your film for it gives a new concept of factual information. Do hope I can get down to U.C.L.A. before you leave and see the film again and maybe some others. Will try to make it before you leave there in March.

Since seeing the film, I have made some experiments in working wood with stone. The results have been most gratifying and with a simple unhafted chopper one can shape a billet of hardwood quite rapidly. Find that flakes removed by use are usually on the smooth side of the artifact and not on the side prepared by the stoneworker. Also, it appears to be impossible to make a series of use flake scars that resemble those intentionally made.

Am sure that you enjoyed your visit with Daugherty in Pullman and hope you saw the tool hafted in the limbone of a deer, for it was set with adhesive. There doesn't seem to be any question about the use of bonding materials in the New World and, with your work, am sure more archaeologists will become aware of this feature.

I have a woven water vessel that has been covered with resin to make it waterproof. The material is amber, translucent and appears to be vegetable rather than mineral.

Am enclosing the slide of you and Dorothy which we think is just lovely. We have a duplicate.

Want to thank you again for showing the film. I told Swanson about the films and how exciting and useful they were and he is hoping his budget will allow the purchase of some of the series.

Do hope to see you before you return to Australia. Please give our regards to Dorothy.

Yours very truly,

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