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Dear Norman and Dorothy:

May I please apologize for my poor correspondence this last Summer. I sent you a letter to Templeton, California but suppose you had moved from there by the time I wrote. I have had a very busy summer and am now thoroughly tired. Had many digs to visit and then Swanson decided to make some movies and all this together with writing has left me no time for correspondence. We now have two very good films, one at the quarry sites in Oregon which is ready for distribution through Swanson and we just finished a pressure film taken in our yard at home which should be ready soon. These were done by a professional cameraman and are real good and will show actual techniques.

As you know, Marie is to be at Tempe this winter and is planning a lithic technology conference for sometime in February. However, I am now advised by Bordes and Tixier that they will be in the States sometime in March or April and plan to spend two weeks at my home working. They are trying to arrange their schedules so they can be here at the same time, so I have just written to Marie informing her of this in case she would want to change the conference date so they could both attend that. If the conference materializes, I would certainly hope that you could attend, but am uncertain about your status of coming back to the States before the two year period. At any rate, I would certainly like to see you and Dorothy there, for I feel you could add a lot to a lithic conference.

Am enclosing the film we took in the back yard and, again, I apologize for being so tardy in sending them. It takes quite a bit of doing to get duplicate slides in Idaho, but finally got them.

We want to thank you and Dorothy again for the wonderful hospitality in Los Angeles and hope that you will be back in our country soon and give us a chance to repay your kindness. Remember, we always have the little trailer guest house waiting, and maybe next time it won't be so hot when you are here. Also have an air conditioner for the trailer now.

We are very busy now getting ready to leave Saturday for Harvard, American Museum, Smithsonian and Chapel Hill to do some research and a couple of demonstrations. Am most anxious to see the Eastern material. Will return sometime in November.

We both want to say how very much we have enjoyed making your acquaintance and consider you and Dorothy very special friends. Whenever you are in the States please remember that our home is your home. Maybe some day, we will be lucky enough to visit Australia, but can't see any free time for the next two years. I am sure it is a fascinating country and would certainly like to see the abos there in action.

Sincerely your friend,

Don E. Crabtree

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