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Dear Are:

I am deeply grateful for all the information you provided in your recent letter. I am sorry that I have encumbered you with such a formidable task. I can not adequately express my thanks for the translation of Muller-Beck's paper and the copy of M.R. Harrington's notes and the superb remarks on knapping.

Are, I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of your remarks on flintknapping to William Mayer-Oakes. He is doing a paper for Scientific American and has quoted some of the remarks of previous attendants of our rock breaking school. Your paper is an excellent presentation of the problems confronting the archaeologist and he may wish to quote you in his article. Also, Ed Wilmsen is putting together a series of papers by various technologists on lithics and I would like to suggest that he include an expansion of "Remarks on the Relevance of Knapping". With your permission, of course. If you are interested, let me know and I will advise Ed of your ability. You would receive some kind of payment and later royalties which would allow you a charge out for lithic expenses.

Harrington's notes were what I was looking for. I, too, was disappointed in their brevity but they confirmed a conversation we had in his home in Pasadena around 1941. It would be an exciting project to study the aboriginal lapidary arts. It is certainly an unexplored but significant part of archaeology.

I am glad that your obsidian arrived in good condition and your return trip was pleasant. Both Evelyn and I were delighted that you were able to come to Idaho and enjoyed your company and enthusiasm. We also got a chuckle out of your classification of B.C. and A.D.

Thanks again for everything and I will be delighted to have the opportunity to see Pfeiffer's book.

With kindest personal regards to you and your tolerant wife.

Your friends,

Don and Evelyn

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