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Dear Jacques:

Thanks for your letter of January 13th and did not answer sooner as I know you will be in Moracco until the 20th of February. Since I wrote to you I had another bout with the flu and the second time around is worse than the first. This time stayed right in bed and am now up on my feet again and think this time I have really beaten the bug. However, now I have to get my hands in condition for flintknapping as I did not do it for such a long time. Have been making some Guatamalean eccentrics and am having real good luck with them, but they are really easy to break. We will work on these together when you are here - for they are fun to make and I think you will enjoy it. Also have been making cones and studying the principle of the cone for a paper I hope to write. But this is a complicated subject and think it will be hard to get across to the reader.

Jelinek writes that Francois will be in Tucson about the 1st of March and stay there thru April. Then we will look forward to his coming here. Have been trying to help Jelinek locate some material for you two to work but it is not so easy to find really good stone. Gave him the name of a couple of dealers in Texas and hope he gets some there.

We plan to leave next week - if all goes well - on a short trip to Arizona where it will be warm and I can sit in the desert and do some knapping and get my hands back in shape. Will probably make a visit to the University at Tucson and get all the details on your visit there.

We are looking forward to having you and Julietta here and do hope you will like our country. It is really the wild wooly West. I think you will enjoy the little guest house and our back yard to work in and do hope we will have good weather then. We have had a very severe winter, so that should mean a good Spring.

Plan to write to Michel Dauvois but until I find the time, will you please tell him that I had a letter from Dr. Vincent J. Schaeffer, consulting meteorologist, R.D. 3, Box 36 Schermerhorn Road, Schenectady, N.Y. and he is interested in the cause of fracture such as Michel is doing. He advises that Paul Matisse - grandson of the great French artist - has obtained some magnificent photographs of the parallel marks on cleaved glass and other vitreous materials. Also ~~xxxxxx~~ Boeing Scientific Research Laboratories are extremely interested in these patterns and relating them to the cracking of alloys. He asks for help on this subject and I advised him that Paul Matisse and Michel Dauvois should collaborate on their finding since one is such a fine artist and the other a fine photographer and perhaps they could come up with a good explanation.

Please give our regards to Juliette and we are both looking forward to meeting her and your visit here.

Sincerely,

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