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Dear Jacques:

Now it is my turn to be ashamed for not writing all Summer - but this has really been a hectic year and I have had no time for writing or resting and am now at our little place in Lava Hot Springs really exhausted but recovering. We have a new cold water Olympic sized pool here which is quite refreshing. In the evening am writing up the notes on the lithic field school for a report to NSF.

Finished the flintknapping school which ran five weeks, this week and am happy to say that it was a big success. I was really frightened of the thing for I had never taught flintknapping before (only to Gene) and was not sure that I could do it. However, thanks to a wonderful bunch of students it was a complete success and they all want to come back next Summer and bring in five beginners - sort of compound the thing. Those attending were Lucy Lewis from Columbia University, Lewis MacNaughton from SMU in Dalls, Barbara Purdy from University of Florida, Paul Sneed from Santa Barbara, Jeffrey Mauger from Pullman and, of course, Doug Bucy from ISU. They were all great and learned so much but Lucy Lewis and Mauger were outstanding. It was satisfying to me to know that a young girl like Lucy could do this type of work. She learned everything - percussion, indirect percussion, pressure and bladmaking and did them all very well. She is very tiny, so now we know that it does not require great strength and that certainly the women could have made their household tools. The students contributed much information about different area - Lucy from her work in Peru and Chile - Mauger from his work in Alaska and the Arctic and MacNaughton of his work in the Sudan - and they did much to stimulate and revive my interest and desire for further experiment. Your name was mentioned often in the thirty days for all seemed to be following your work very closely. Thanks to your photos of the Sheritaki cores, we were able to make three replicas. The number of blades that can be removed from a single core is surprising - from one half of the core we detached over a hundred blades. Mauger expects to work in the Arctic, so concentrated on bladmaking and, in time, will become a real expert. Swanson is having the photos copied and your set will be returned to you shortly. Thank you so much for the loan.

We just finished a two-day visit with David Lubbell at our place in Kimberly. He is on his way to a teaching job at Edmonton and is a little frightened at the whole prospect. He is a fine fellow, a brilliant archaeologist and certainly at the top of your list of American friends. He learned to make blades in the short time we had together and wants to come back and learn further techniques. I was fascinated to hear of the Afghanistan cores which he says are parallel to the Mexican Polyhedral. He has promised to send you a good section of moose antler when he arrives in Canada. Hope you have received your package of material which I shipped about forty-five days ago. I now have quantities of the Mexican Peacock obsidian - so please let me know if you want or need some.

We both have such fond memories of the visit in Tucson and the trip we had together. Evelyn was thrilled with the beautiful scarf Juliette sent and will enclose her belated thanks in this letter. You are so very kind to us. We do hope you can come back to Idaho and bring your family.

Swanson is doing some testing at Blue Lakes and expects good results. However, due to lack of funds, will do nothing spectacular until next year. Thank you so much for the Capsian paper. I do wonder how you get so much done. It is a fine paper and I also treasure the two volumes of typeology you gave me.

We both send our very best regards and hope that you can come with Francois if and when he comes in September.

Your friend

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