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Kimberly, Idaho

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Dr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Wheat
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Dear Pat and Joe Ben:

Thank you so much for the cards from Mexico and for telling of your exciting trip to Tikal. I have read so much of Tikal and hope some day to make the trip there. Evelyn and I went to Mexico the 15th of February supposedly to meet with Dr. Bordes and Cornwall in Mexico City. Had a lovely trip down the West Coast to Guadalajara and then flew to Mexico. However, when we got there found that Bordes was denied a visa into Mexico and Cornwall was in the field so missed both of them. However, had a very nice visit with Lorenzo and Litvac and worked a little with the students of the school of anthropology. Lorenzo said that he had missed seeing you and Pete and Marie and he was very disappointed. He has a very bad leg and can hardly walk, but plans to have surgery and correct this.

We have had nothing but tragedy since the 6th of February. Evelyn lost her Mother, sister, brother and brother-in-law. This has meant many trips to Long Beach and the last funeral was a double with the Mother and sister. Things are getting back to normal now, but it has been bad for both of us.

The work with Earl is going very well and should have a publication the last of April on the Folsom. Do wish I could have gotten up to Boulder to review your material before the paper, but hope to do this before the book is published. Have been working quite steady at Pocatello getting the films ready to show at the meeting in Reno and do hope they will be of interest to everyone. After the meeting, will return to Pocatello to do more film work but, in the meantime, am working on the book. Had the chapter finished on lithic materials, but it will not be published this issue, as we have more editing to do. Have about finished on the tool's chapter and am well on the way on the core chapter. Seeing Lorenzo's material and that in the warehouse of the Museum in Mexico was very helpful.

Wendorf and Swanson applied for a NSF grant to have a "knapping" school in August at glass butte for the archaeologists, but apparently this was denied. Maybe later.

We will both be looking forward to seeing you in Reno. We will be staying at Tiny's motel near the campus. Congratulations, Pat, on your concert - sounded very exciting. Have you heard the album by the "Indios Trabahados" - two indian men, untrained, who play classic music on the guitar. We think they are very exciting.

Sincerely,

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