Dear Folks,

Hope you had a good trip home. How's the weather?

It was surely nice to see you both again. Joyce and I had a good time.

Enclosed is a note on a blanket dress. Apparently they do exist but they haven't been made for a long time. The museum has only one or two which were collected years ago.

We have been busy here with the usual routine -nothing significant.

Must get back to work, also have to register for a class I am taking.

As Ever.

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Mr. Don Crabtree Route 1 Kimberley, Idaho

Dear Don.

I recently sent for and have received a copy of Tebiwa Vol.9 in which your article appears. I read it last night and I guess only then did I fully appreciate the tremendous amount of time and patience involved in developing your skill. The article was very interesting and will be of use to me as an archaeologist.

Joyce mentioned the other day that she told you this summer that she would send you a glass cake knife she had. I am sending it by separate enclosure and you may do with it what you will.

Our work is keeping us both busy. Joyce has an especially bad class this year. She got a high percentage of brats I guess.

I hope this finds you and your wife in good health. Let me hear from you when you get the knife.

Your friend,

James Ayres

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Dr. James Ayres
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Dear Jim:

Thank you so very much for your nice letter and for sending the glass knife, which I received today. I remember Joyse saying that she had a glass knife but never dreamed that she would part with this for me. Found an address of the maker inside the box and am having Evelyn write to them today in hopes of replacing this for Joyce. This knife will be invaluable to me for experimenting in cutting - glass edge versus freshly struck obsidian. I will retouch the edge with small pressure flaking and try that for experimenting and will note the wear pattern, etc. Will surely use it in my demonstrations. Thank you so much for this, Joyce, for I had had Evelyn hunt everywhere even the second hand stores - and was not successful in finding Now all I need is another bear to experiment with. Guess you know that I sent a slide of the skinned bear to Bordes and he was delighted with it and will use it in his lectures. He is also hoping that you and Bill will have some information on what we thought were the ovens for treating stone.

We are hopeful of coming to Tucson in January this next year. Earl said he had some funds for the trip and would love to come there and study some of your material and hopefully get to Portales to review some of Cynthia's Clovis material. It would be so nice to have some time to compare notes with you and Bill. Vance Haynes just returned my materials paper with - would you believe it - not too many corrections. I am just delighted that he could take time to do this and really appreciate the help he has given me on this. Swanson just would not accept it until Vance had given it his OK. I certainly am getting indebted to the University of Arizona. Please let me know what I can do to repay your many kindnesses.

Am so sorry that you had to send for a copy of Tebiwa. I gave my mailing list to my secretary at ISU and, apparently, she overlooked some of the names for there were several who did not receive a copy whose name was on the list and you were one of these. She isnew at the job, so must overlook it. Please accept this second copy with my apologies.

Thank you and Joyce again for this most welcome gift and will hope to see you both in January.

Sincerely.