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Mr. Donald E. Crabtree
Idaho State Museum
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

Dear Mr. Crabtree:

For the past ten years the Illinois Archaeological Survey has sponsored a Workshop on Illinois Archaeology for laymen and amateurs in Illinois. The Workshop has been attended by 175-215 people, and the program has included non-archaeological as well as archaeological speakers. We have also allowed time for small group discussions during the afternoon sessions of the meeting, but may vary this format in the future.

Next year, the Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 4, and, as before, it will be conducted on the University of Illinois campus in Urbana. The major theme that we hope to develop in the 1971 Workshop will be Lithic Technology with emphasis on chipped stone tools, manufacturing techniques, and ecological adjustments. On behalf of the members of the Survey, I would like to invite you to be the afternoon speaker. We would be delighted if you would give us a chipping demonstration with commentary for about one hour. I have had you in mind for such a program for about two years now, and I have finally convinced the people who manage our Illini Union Building (where the program is held), that no damage will result to the walls and floor from your chipping activities. I have assured them that we will cover your chipping area (including the walls if necessary) with a plastic sheet. Moreover, we can obtain chert for you from quarries in Illinois if it is impractical for you to bring blocks with you. I know your presentation would be most informative and impressive to the Workshop registrants. Our audience ranges from professionals and some quite sophisticated laymen to some people poorly informed on the subject of archaeology. The purpose of the Workshop is to make interested individuals aware that archaeology is a scientific discipline, and that there is much more to the field than merely studying and collecting artifacts.

I should also add that I will be inviting two or three more major speakers who either specialize in or deal heavily with lithic materials,

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so we should have a very worthwhile and exciting program. I would estimate now that your lecture will be held from 3:30-4:30 P.M. following a long luncheon session. If you wish to vary your presentation with slides, or other illustrative material this is certainly acceptable, but I know that a "live" chipping demonstration would be superb.

I am extremely hopeful that you will join the program. What I will need to know from you, before June of 1971, is (a) the title of your lecture or presentation (b), a one or two sentence summary of what you will cover and (c), a brief summary of your biographical data. I will need this information for the program which is prepared early in September. Enclosed is a copy of the program of the 1970 Workshop held last weekend.

Lastly, I should mention that we will be happy to pay all of your expenses if you can arrange to come. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,



Charles J. Bareis
Secretary-Treasurer

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