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Dear Ed:

Thank you so much for your nice letter of Sept. 14th and all the information. I certainly do envy you the trip to Central America - it will be a lot of hard work but also a source of pleasure. My wife and I are very fond of Mexico and have spent much time there but have never been South of Oaxaca. We hope to some day go to Guatemala. I have heard of an obsidian source and aboriginal workshop site containing large polyhedral cores which is East of Guatemala City - toward Antigua. They tell me that there the obsidian was so plentiful that it was used as fill and ballast for the railroad. Do wish you could somehow locate the site.

Also, should you go to Guadalajara, there is a dealer there who has Peacock obsidian. I learned of this thru a vender but never did have time to find the shop. It was the first time I had ever heard of peacock obsidian. The dealer is Jorge L. Ramos, Aldama 1060 S.R. (Piedras de Gema) Guadalajara.

I would like very much to have a look at your core and prefer that you send it direct to me. Then after I have looked at it, will turn it over to Dr. Swanson when I am at the University. I do plan, however, to leave for Washington D.C. on the 5th or 6th of October. Will be there a month doing some research on the Lindenmeier material. So, if you think it will not get here before that time, then do send it direct to Dr. Earl Swanson, Idaho State University, the Museum, Pocatello, Idaho. However, I sure hope I can see it first. Have told Swanson about you and he is most interested in seeing the core.

Ed, if you would like to send me a couple of larger pieces of Peacock obsidian, will try and make a Polyhedral core and blades and return you one core and blades and keep one for myself. I sure would love to try working this material - but my pieces are very small. However, they work fine for the pressure flaking of projectile points.

I do hope that you have a very successful trip and find some good jade and opal as I understand there have been some new discoveries of this material.

Again, thank you so much, and "Vaya con Dios".

Sincerely,

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