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Dear Don:

Sorry to take so long to answer your letter and to thank you for the book. I was out of town when your letter arrived and I hope that this letter will reach you if you are in Mexico.

Sounds like you are busy and you are doing something that I wanted to do most of my life but somehow or another I have never acquired the knowledge nor had the time. Keep me posted as to your progress, as I am really interested in these endeavors.

I do not know the exact location of the Peacock Obsidian, but I am sure that any of the rock dealers in Guadalajara can tell you where it comes from. I know that it is about 30 or 40 miles in a westerly direction from Guadalajara toward the Pacific Ocean. The whole area from Guadalajara to Tepic is Obsidian flow country. I am sure you will find many old artifacts, etc. if you inquire around. It is legal to bring small amounts of any of these materials out of Mexico as long as it isn't for resale or on a commercial basis.

I don't know of any flint-like stones that I could find for you in this area. We do have a banded Rhyolite from Durango, "Hickoryite" or "Aztec Miracle Stone." This would probably chip into fabulous spear points and arrowheads. We still have plenty of Obsidian, so let me know when you get back from your Mexican trip and I will ship you whatever you need. (no charge) I will really be happy to get a polyhedral core and a knife or lance point or whatever you care to send. It will be no trouble getting the size and shape Obsidian you require.

I hope this letter reaches you while you are in Mexico and if you possibly can, come back through El Paso. I am sure you would enjoy seeing the various materials which I have here and some of it might be just what you are looking for.

Thanks a million.

Best wishes,


Ed Barry

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P.S. I recently bought three spear-head type artifacts which I want you to take a look at. I am pretty sure they are authentic, but they are making some fabulous fakes these days so if you don't come by this way, I will mail them up to you whenever you say.

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