Jan. 13, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Bass
1004 Redding Road
Asheboro, North Carolina 27203

Dear Quentin and Alexandra:

What a wonderful surprise to receive your Christmas package.
You certainly made our Christmas. When the package arrived we
were both ill with Virus B and unable to get out of the house
or have any sort of a Christmas. Your gifts were like a breath
of spring. We lit the cranberry cande in its beautiful holder
and were able to eat the delicate litt le Morabian cookies. Last
year you sent us cookies and this brand is even better than those
we received last year. Evelyn had been reading the book on North
Carolina you sent last year and it was so delightly to receive the
arts and carfts of the state. We truly hope we can make a trip
back there this fall. We had a short visit with the Coes several
years ago and were much impressed with the Winston-Salem area but
would like to see more of the State.

Alexandra, thank you so much for the afghan. It is truly beautiful
and the colors go so well with our decore of brown, green and gold.
We are making good use of it and appreciate all the work that was
put into this gift. You were entirely too generous, but we do
love and appreciate everything. What can we send you as a "thank
you" gift? Obsidian, antler - or what. Just say the word.

In November we had a brief trip to Calgary to attend the lithic
technology conference there. We saw many of the field school students
and also Jacques Tixier from Paris. It was so good to see him again
and hear directly of Vrancois and Denise Bordes. It was like a ten
year anniversary of the Les Eyzies conference and many were there
who attended in France - Joe Ben and Pat Wheat, Art Jelinek, Tixier
etc.

You did not say if you were accepted in Utah or Tennessee. We still
hope for Utah so we can get together. Will be interested to learn
of your plans.

Again, we can't thank you both enough for making ours such a
delightful Christmas.

                              With kindest personal regards,

                              Don and Evelyn Crabtree