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Mr. Don E. Crabtree  
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Dear Don:

I have just returned to Norman from a summer in Ecuador. On my way home I stopped in Panama to examine some early sites at Madden Lake where some interesting early type material is being found. During this stop I talked with Dr. Horace G. Loftin, a professor of anthropology, teaching in Panama. Loftin asked if I or some advanced student might be able to come to Panama to give a 10 to 12 weeks course in lithic technology and the study of typology of stone artifacts. They have surface collections from numerous sites at Madden Lake and would like to make a study of the material - technology, classification, etc. None of the local people is suitable trained to do this, and they want a special course.

I cannot see my way clear to make such a trip, and do not have any advanced students that knows enough about the topic to handle it. I thought of you, and wondered if you might be interested? If you can get away for 10 to 12 weeks, it would be interesting to spend the time in Panama giving such a course and examining the local archaeology.

Loftin said that they did not have very much money for such a purpose. I am sure that he could arrange to cover all of your expenses - housing, food and transportation. It would probably be a break-even arrangement. The archaeology is interesting and it would be fun to spend 3 months in Panama.

If you think you might be interested, you can write to:

Dr. Horace G. Loftin  
Florida State University Extension Program  
Box 930  
Albrook AFB, Canal Zone

Let me know if you are interested. You should write Dr. Loftin direct, but I would appreciate knowing what may develop.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Bell