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Don Crabtree
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Dear Mr. Crabtree,

Well, here I am at a new job. It has turned out very well in all respects and I am enjoying it immensely. Most of the work is quite familiar to me, thanks to Grasshopper, so I am already settled in my job.

As you recall, I spoke to you this summer about the possibility of my being able to continue a study of lithic debris which I began this past Spring in Guatemala. Good news. I flew to Philadelphia to speak with Dr. William Cœe, the program director for the Tikal project. He is willing to send me to Guatemala again next year, on the condition that I study the central Tikal material as well as the material in the Sustaining Area, from this years excavations. So... I'm all set. Unfortunately, they've done nothing with the debris to date and have not even retained a great deal of the material from central Tikal. My material on the Sustainin Area, however, will be fairly complete and a good sample at that. I have at my disposal lithic material from several excavations, as well as a random sample test pitting operation covering a 24 kilometer strip both N and S of Tikal.

I should have the material in the States by next December(1968) It will be shipped by sea from Guatemala. I certainly will need some advice once I get started on the study. I hope that I am still welcome to call on you for help, if any sticky problems arise.

I hope that both you and Mrs. Crabtree are in good health. My best to her. The only disadvantage to my present job is the weather. It already feels like winter. Perhaps someday I'll go west again. At present I am working on some local material from an Archaic Lamoka site and the material is largely lithic. It is really unfortunate that New York State is so far from Idaho. I have so many questions every day.

Sincerely yours,

Lilida Bergs
Lilita Bergs

P.S. I have an ill-behaved and ancient typewriter!

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