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PLEASE REPLY TO: BOX 71

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Mr. Don E. Crabtree  
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Dear Don:

Your most welcome letter of January 19 has lain unanswered for far too long. Like so many other things, the good intention of replying to it was postponed until there was more time.

What poor luck for Evelyn to get pneumonia in Europe! It's bad enough to have it, but it's so much worse to come down with something when you're away from home.

Probably Tixier told you that Coe, Irwin, and I stopped in to see him. We were particularly interested to see some of his North African stuff. To find duplicates of some American paleo-Indian forms was indeed a surprise.)

I'm afraid that during most of the conference I was so much under the weather with that damned flu that I missed the significance of much that I saw. You won't find any report coming from me as you did from Jelinek. However, that has brought back to me all sorts of memories of things seen and heard, and with the really poor slides that I got (My flash wasn't strong enough) it has helped to piece things together.

Your trip to Copenhagen sounds as if you had the real red-carpet treatment from Meldgaard and Larsen. We had them here once, and I have long wanted to go to Copenhagen to return their visit.

Possibly the flu that plagued me in Paris slumbered for a while and burst out again, for I spent ten days in bed, including Christmas and New Years, and am even now not fully over it. I'm way behind in almost everything, but hope to catch up some day. One day you'll get a cry for help! I might even turn up in person looking for help.

Yesterday I was in Cambridge at a Peabody Museum faculty lunch. There I saw pictures taken by Hallam Movius, and heard him describe the rock fall at Les Eyzies. Perhaps you heard that a piece of the rim rock fell on their house outside the Abri Pataud. About a two-ton piece hit the chimney and broke, part destroying the chimney and part hitting the house. It looked as if a bomb had hit. Had people been working there as they were last year, almost certainly one or more people would have been killed. No stone got as far as the street.

All best to you and Evelyn, and may we meet soon again.

Cordially,

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