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Dear Pete:

Congratulations to a proud father. I hope that when your son grows up he, too, will be a good flintknapper. Bill said he saw the baby at the meetings and said he is a darling boy. Evelyn and I know that he will give you and Ann much joy.

Sorry I could not attend the conference and benefit from the exchange of valuable information, but have been hospitalized and now must stay close to home. Unfortunately, the doctor was treating me for gout when in reality I had blood clots, so ended up in the hospital with a clot in the lung. Now have a collapsed lung and must wait for that to heal.

Dr. Carl Swanson had made plans for us to be in London for lectures at the London University and Cambridge in October, but we had to give it up and now hope to make the trip next Spring. Hope this will be acceptable to Carl. Would love to go to Brandon and see what goes on there. We may try to go to Hawaii the 4th of Dec. at the invitation of Gould and Leiban but that, too, will depend on health progress and doctor's approval. Have sent obsidian ahead and think we can make it.

Hope you had a good session at the conference. Bill taped all the papers for me so I will get to hear them. I hope that you find a little time to continue to work on the different lithic techniques. I have been trying some new methods of percussion blade making with some success. The technique still needs a lot of practice and I prefer flint - of which I have a shortage - but am producing Danish type blades - very straight and with minute platforms.

Again, much happiness to you and Ann.

Your friends,

Don and Evelyn