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Dear Dan

This is just a note to catch you up on our lives and activities. We are at the moment getting ready for our year in Japan. I had forgotten what a lot of work "getting ready" can be. Two kids can really add to the chore I'm afraid. The year in Japan will be a delightful break, tho, and certainly worth the hassle. It will be good to see Hiro again and I hope to handle some of the Salolothic stuff I missed during the last visit. Needless to say, a year away from teaching will be just terrific. Maybe it will even make my heart grow fonder.

Our summer dig was a success and we had a good time to boot. We got out one fairly well preserved NEBRASKA CULTURE house with associated debris. We took the entire floor out in 50 cu sq's which should give us very good control of the interior debris. That is my hope at

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any rate. I wanted to water screen the entire floor thru $\frac{1}{16}$ " screen but this proved impossible. Even with only $\frac{1}{4}$ " screening, tho, we got a lot of retouch debris inside the house. It seemed to be nucleated near a back corner. Needless to say I was surprised to find this sort of material inside since we all seem to view extensive stoneworking as an outdoor activity. Maybe this is one of those many untested and erroneous assumptions that you and your students have encountered before! I intend to try and determine if the house was a winter camp which, of course, might force lots of activities "inside". At any rate the site (250T34) is promising to be a lot of fun. The summer was also marked by a visit by Gary. It was good to see him again and seemed at ease and well and I certainly appreciated the large box of Glass Buttes obsidian he left off. I have been using the

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local stone for my rock knocking and it is of frustratingly low quality. I have most enjoyed the BISOO HILLS Quartzite which is real crap (forgive me, there is no other word) but was extensively used prehistorically. It is fun because it is clearly associated with a very distinctive lithic technology which should be easy to find and highly distinctive. At the moment I'm looking for a good quarrying/processing site to test my ideas.

Dw's projected workshop for 1976 sounds like it will be a pip. I hope I can be back from Japan in time to see you and everyone else there. Until then take care and stay well. My love to Evelyn.

yours truly
Pete.