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Dear Mr. Crabtree:

Thanks so much for your affirmative answer to my request. I was really excited upon receipt of your letter and prepared my materials and a sample collection for the visit. To my dismay, I've run into insurmountable problems with transportation.

I regret that when I first wrote to you I neglected to think of the upcoming holiday season and the accompanying demand for transportation. Within the dates that are suitable for you, I wasn't able, with even a great deal of juggling, to find a set of flights to and from Idaho. The Air West people and equally, Western Airlines said that their flights for the holiday season were booked months in advance.

As I was hoping to come up to Idaho from Minneapolis, where some of the information on the stone tools is stored, I checked also into the bus schedules, and found that I could make it up there in two days by bus. This, however, was tempered with the warning that weather might prove to be a problem. What to do?

I feel terrible about my lack of foresight. The original reason for suggesting this period of time was the occurrence of the winter break here at the University. However, the next quarter at Chicago runs from January 5 to March 23. After that date I won't have school again till September, and thus would ask if perhaps I could come up to work with you after March 23. At that point there should be absolutely no impediments in terms of weather or holidays, nor would I defer from the trip because of extra long travel time. Again, I realize that you've been very generous in considering my request, and I really appreciate it.

In Minneapolis I'm going to continue work on the stone tool records and will prepare more photographs of them. With the very strict antiquities laws in Greece we aren't allowed to take anything out of the country. As a result, the sample collection which I assembled came from the assemblages kept by my professor, Mr. Robert Braidwood, and Mrs. Braidwood, at the Oriental Institute. This collection, along with photographs and detailed drawings, would serve to illustrate questions and ideas.

The only thing I can do now is apologize, and say that I hope I didn't put a dent in your schedule. It's really important to me to be able to work with you, for even a short time, and I hope indeed that you will have a few days to spare in March. If so, I'd make sure of reservations and equally, I'll have spent the next 2½ months doing further research - my questions would be pared down to their most exacting. I would like to be able to consider more alternatives than just the March date, but the heavy workload here prevents any thought of leaving in mid-quarter. I hope to hear from you soon, and am really looking forward to meeting you.

With thanks,

Harriet Blitzer

Could you reply to the c/o address above? Thanks.

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