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Mr. Don Crabtree
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Dear Don,

Dr. Bryan read to me over the telephone and we discussed your recent correspondence concerning me. The major problem of having me as an understudy which you have indicated is one of time. This problem could be elevated in the following manner. I would purpose to begin sometime between the middle of September and the first of October. I can not foresee that I will be free prior to this time since I have a large thesis to prepare during the summer. I would work until the middle of the following May. I would plan to live at my folks place or somewhere nearby.

The art of flint knapping appears to be to be largely dependent upon the development of motor habits requiring a great deal of practise which I could do at my place. Since the majority of my time would be devoted to practise, you should not have to spend more than a few hours a week with me. When you have a few free hours you could contact me. I do not want to interfere with your N.S.F. work in anyway. I know that you have indicated this is a nearly full time job. The worst thing that could happen is you would feel that you were not devoting enough time to me. You should not under any conditions take this view. I believe that I have enough initiative to go ahead largely on my own.

You have indicated you have meetings to go to and would like a vacation. I believe I could go ahead on my own during most of the time working alone once given some general guide lines from which to work from and perfect.

If the above outline is at all feasible to you I can arrange to work under you through the University of Alberta for Thesis Credit which will enable me to avoid the American draft. There may yet be a possibility that Dr. Brayn can get a bursary for me which I would turn over to you. However, this is very uncertain at the moment.

My assistance would be available to you at any time to aid you with your N.S.F. work. I could perhaps be of aid as a discussant and editor and photographer. We are set up here to do micro-photography and I shall be doing a lot of work in this area during the summer. The technique may be particularly useful in flint knapping. There should not be any problem to convert facilities at Pocatello to do this. Also, there are techniques of cutting the glare of glassy crypo-crystalline rocks which would be particularly useful for illustrating flaking techniques in publications which have not been used at Idaho State.

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Don, I would appreciate an answer as soon as possible. I plan to live in Dr. Bryan's house this summer while he is out in the field to save rent money. I will have a bit of time in May in which I could maybe move our household items to Idaho if the above outline is feasible to you.

Sincerely yours,

Robson Bonnicksen

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