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Dear Don & Evelynne -

Please forgive the spelling of the names but I have never written them before. I wanted to write and tell you a bit about where I am. I truly believe without having known you I wouldn't have made it - here. Dr. Jiciv is just as you have told me many times. Probably the nicest & most patient person I have known. Perhaps I should say one as I must include you two also.

Presently I am excavating at Asar Akil and will do so until the end of October or the beginning of November. I am learning a tremendous amount which isn't written in texts about bulbs, blades, and retouching. Each piece is carefully examined & I am beginning slowly to tell the difference between a not utilized or retouched blade & those which are. I have also truly enjoyed the area, food and sights of Lebanon. I am staying in a room with Dominique, Dr. Jiciv's daughter, and my French suffers to her excellent English. However, the $\frac{2}{3}$ comprehension is growing by leaps and bounds. My vocabulary and speaking is also doing well due to the fact up to present all the crew have been French. Next week however, much to my sorrow, most of them are leaving for home and exams. Then our staff will

consist of mostly English-speaking persons.

The hotel here is situated on the beach of the Mediterranean sea and also has a swimming pool. Both which were used frequently until the cholera epidemic. However I believe it will be changing & we will once more partake of the wonderful salt water.

I believe Dr. Tixier has already sent you a letter but he told me to send the regards of his family to you so they are included. I hope this finds you feeling better Evelynne and also Don. Tell me how the school of flintknapping is going on and any other news if you find time. I understand Dr. Boardes is spending time with you all now. An American student named Bruce Bradley from Tucson just came last night. He had been working with Dr. Boardes. Until later -

Very truly Yours.

Dixie Bonnichsen

I hope receive some news from you, I'll write you soon, and my father too. I would like to know that Evelynne is all right now.

Best love, yours Dominique TIXIER