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Dear Sir:

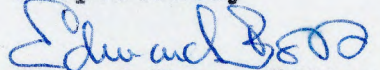
Enclosed is Vol. III, No. 1 of our P. I. A. NEWSLETTER with its feature report on American pebble tools. Under, "ARE THEY PEBBLE TOOLS?"(III-1-2) you will find statements by several archaeologists actively engaged in the problem. The purpose of each is to elicit an open-minded approach to American pebble tools. I understand that you have examined these materials from the "Lively Complex" and agree that they are, in fact, pebble tools!

Reports are already circulating that many archaeologists, amateur and professional, are scoffing at the "preposterous" idea that pebble tools are found in America or even that they can be found! We hope to help stem this "skeptical tide" with additional statements by leading professional archaeologists, such as yourself, who are interested in the problem. A favorable comment by you, at this time, may well be the "key to unlock" already closing minds!

For publication in III-2(April, 1966), may I have a statement from you in support of an open-minded approach to American pebble tools in general and/or "The Lively Complex" specifically? The deadline for all material for III-2 is the coming March 15th!

It is not my intention to "put you on the spot"; I am primarily interested in the "open-minded approach" angle. Remarks as to the validity of the Lively-Josselyn materials, as touched upon in statements in III-1, I leave entirely to your own discretion.

Respectfully


Edward Boss, Editor
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- PPS: Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience. This copy is "late" since I've only just received your address from Dr. Wormington.

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