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Dear Don,

The enclosed has been lying around the office for months. It is of no moment but thought the picture might be added to your file of curios.

Have you or do you know of anyone who has kept the scrap associated with the production of different types of artifacts apart and kept any kind of record of debitage weights and counts? It might well be worth doing. The thought occurred when reviewing an article for Science in which the author made estimates of what he thought might be present in a single cave site. He applied the concentration which he found in the best floor area where he excavated to the entire area and a guess as to total volume. If you or someone have already kept such records - have they been published?

Will leave tomorrow for the New Orleans meetings and from there to Panama for a brief visit. Have been around here for the first spring I have seen in six years. It is a pity to miss all that goes on at this time so I have seen it as a special treat.

Will call you when I get home.

As ever,

Junius B. Bird

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