

December 8, 1981

Mr. Jerry Gronwick, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Gronwick:

In 1974 I was in correspondance with Mr. G.R. Walter (His letter of 4/18/74 and mine of 4/25/74) tentatively planning my visit to Sunbeam. Seven years have passed: my research on cutting and cutting instruments has continued but Sunbeam's interest in discussing it as a basis for some kind of consulting arrangement may have waned.

It would seem appropriate to give you a summary of my work and interests in this cutting area:

I began this in the thirties seeking an electric razor that was more satisfying to me than blade razors were. By 1955 I had tried every electric razor in the market and found the Shick to work best for me, though shortly after that I found an old Norelco that was even better. Norelco then sponsored my detailed study of several razors (electric and non-electric). DuPont and later Olin supported my studies on cutting and failure of various natural and synthetic fibers and hairs up to about 1965. About that time, prompted by little-known work on prehistoric knife/arrowhead-making and the records of brain and other surgery performed by the Mayan indians I expanded the 'scope of my work and started studies which continue on the relative sharpness of blades and the cutting that occurs with various edges on various materials and under varying circumstances, and using various materials from which blades may be fashioned.

In this connection soon a publication will appear on some remarkable human surgery that has been done with flint knives.

Perhaps from the above you may assess the interest to your company in discussing these matters further.

Since I'm leaving Thursday for vacation/research in New Mexico until 1/1/82, reply may be made to me at Las Brisas, P.O. Drawer 1770, Santa Fe, N.M., 87501; Tel. (505) 988-1725.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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