

Route 1
Kimberly, Idaho

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Dear Dee:

Thanks so much for the invitation to visit the dig and meet with you and Dr. Leakey again. I have delayed answering this letter in the hopes I could write that I was coming or just leave for Yermo. However, I now find it will be impossible to come to the dig and you cannot imagine how disappointed I am to miss another visit with you and your crew.

One of our business properties here - the Sun Valley Stage Lines - was sold the 1st of March and this left me with a 5000 square foot building to rent. I quickly secure a tenant, but he is requiring some remodeling be done to the building and in order to save \$500 and be my own contractor I must be here to supervise the work. Have spent the last week with the attorney drawing up the lease and hope to go to work on the building this Thursday. This will keep me tied down until April 1st or the 10th. If all goes well, I should be able to get away by that time and will hope that you will still have the crew at the dig and perhaps I can even visit with Leakey if he pays another visit to the site. I will surely hope so, as I would love to see what further material you got from the pit.

Talked to Earl about going with me - when I thought I could make it in March - and he could not come, but said he would like to ask you and Dr. Leakey to visit us here in Idaho. This invitation was seconded by Butler, Fitzwater, Bonnechison and Warren. We, too, hope that you and Leakey and Smith could make a trip up this way and stop at our home and we could all do a little flint knapping. I am so disappointed not to be able to compare flaking techniques with Leakey, for I have learned a new technique from the Algerian material that we would have mutual interest in.

Thank you so much for sending the coat and hat and accept my apology for being so absentminded as to leave them there. Please thank Leona Barnes for mailing the package for I know it was a lot of trouble for you and her to have to go to town to mail this package. Am enclosing another dollar, for I see that I did not include enough postage when I wrote to you.

I do hope that we can get together soon to compare notes and if we don't make it in April, we may try to get down to Claude Warren's dig this summer and would love to visit with you then.

Thanks again for the invitation and if there is anything I can do to help via the mails, please call upon me for the limited help I can give. Please extend, again, to Gerald Smith our thanks for the nice luncheon and we will hope that you and he will be our dinner guests when we next visit the area

Sincerely,

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