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Dr. Dee Simpson
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Dear Dee:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of Nov. 10th, but I have been in Pocatello at ISU doing some work with Swanson on the filming of flintworking and did not return home until Thanksgiving to pick up my mail.

I am very sorry that someone is using me to obviously explain their own skepticism about your project. This news has upset me greatly, as I am most interested in your project and have considered myself more than fortunate that someone of your caliber and professional standing would even want my opinion on your material.

I have no relatives who are even remotely interested in Archaeology and, therefore, cannot imagine who these people were who would use me in such a manner. Further, I have not discussed your dig with anyone other than to say I was at the site. I have been asked if I thought it was the site of very ancient man and I, of course, could not and would not ever make a statement for or against this theory. I am not an archaeologist and, therefore, cannot theorize in this field, but leave that to the many well qualified archaeologists we now have. If I can contribute even a little in the stoneworking field I will be more than gratified.

I stand by any statements I have made regarding your material and, as you remember, I had no hesitancy in having you record my opinions. Whether these opinions agree with what Kreiger and Leakey might think, I do not know, but, as a stoneworker, they are my findings and I will stand back of them. When I visited you, I discarded some of your material as not being man made - now that you have uncovered more material, I would like a chance to reexamine and compare further and see if my findings are the same.

I am looking forward to another visit with you and hope it will be in January or February. This will give us a chance to get together for further analysis and an opportunity to clarify this unwarranted gossip.

We were so sorry you did not get to the INQUA meet and kept checking the bulletin board to see if you had checked in. It was a good and rewarding session - sorry you missed it.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to clear up this scuttlebutte and for the invitation to again have an opportunity to spend some time with you and Dr. Smith.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree

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