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Sept 27th + 28th - Denver

Dear Francois:

I was so glad to receive your letter of July 25th - however did not get it until this week as we have been in Nebraska at Larry Agenbrauds dig out of Crawford. A very interesting site with stone tools in association with bison. Marie Wormington, Dick Shutler and Vance Haynes were also there so it was good to have a chance to visit with them again. Did a lot of flintknapping and found one very apt student. Pete Bleed also came down from the University of Nebraska and it was good to see him and his students again. He now is the proud father of a fine son.

Earl has just returned and I saw him briefly on my way back through Pocatello. Things are really up in the air with the department and we have a lot of problems to work out. Earl could not tell me as of now if there were any funds for my Chicago trip and says he will call me when he can check into the matter. So as of now I don't know whether we will go to Chicago or not. I have submitted a paper but can afford to pay all the expenses if the Univ. does not come thru with some funds. - \$25000 to register \$40.00 a day for a room plus meals and transportation. I hate to be so indefinite but as of now I just don't know if I will be in Chicago or not. If not, I have some GSA business to take care of in the State of Washington and will go there instead. I told one of my students, Jeff Flemiken from Iowa State University in Ames Iowa of my desire to meet with you and he has been arranging for expenses and funds for you and I to meet at Ames, Iowa. I am not sure we want to do this and if I don't go to Chicago will not be in the area. However, will convey the details to you when Jeff lets me know and you can do the stint if you are interested. At any rate - when would you be coming thru Idaho in Sept. if and when I can work out my dates? Maybe I could stagger the meeting with GSA in Washington (Forest Service warehouse business) to coincide with your return to Denver. Please let me know either from France or Canada and will try and contact you before the 27th.

Sounds like the blue agate from South Africa is great material. Wish we had more of a variety to work with in the States. I am still hoarding the French flint and have a little jasper and quartzite but mostly have obsidian. I am now working almost entirely with hammerstones and find that I can do about anything, including fluting, with the stone. Have - at the suggesting of Junius Bird - given up the billet as much as possible. Also taught my students in this manner this summer and without exception they all did well.

Am glad you will have a chance to see Bruce and just wish we would all meet there. Sounds like beautiful country and a good place to work but have to hang close to home and back up Earl in the trouble in the department. Hope everything works out for him but as of now is Museum Director and not chairman of the department.

Mvelyn is feeling better and getting fat so maybe that is a good sign. I do hope Denise is also well and will hope we can get together and if not that would love to talk with you on the phone. Will let you know just as soon as I can.

Your friend,

Don

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