

Route 1
Kimberly, Idaho

April 24, 1966

Dear Francois and Denise:

Thank you so very much for "La Famille Fenouillard". This is a delightful book and both of us have received much pleasure from it. Our french is practically "nil", but with the help of friends we are able to interpret and laugh with the book.

Pardon my delay in replying to this gift, but we have had much tragedy since the 6th of February. Evelyn lost four of her family - Mother, brother, sister and brother-in-law. The last funeral was a double one of Mother and sister. It has been most depressing and very sad for us both and we thought of when Francois lost his beloved brother. We were so disappointed not to meet you in Mexico, Francois, and so was Lorenzo and Litvak. We did see and visit with Lorenzo and his staff and it is a delight to see the archaeology they are practicing. Very skilled men. The new Museum of Anthropology is beautiful and Lorenzo was good enough to let us go to the warehouse and see all of the wonderful material there. Saw man Polyhedral cores of obsidian and learned much. One was over twelve inches long. I also found that many of them were not polyhedral and were still unworked on one side.

Gave a little demonstration to the students at the school of anthropology and found them most apt students. Talked with Angel Garcia Cook, who I understand is going to be with you in Bordeaux. He is a very fine young man and has much ability at flintknapping. Everyone there had looked forward to your visit and were so disappointed that you did not come.

I have been working hard with Swanson and we have filmed much of the knapping work. Have some very good results. Have finished the papers on "Folsom" and "Lithic Materials" and am now working on "Tools" and the cores and blades. There is so much to say about cores that I wonder if I will get it all down.

Will attend the meeting of the American Society for Archaeology in Reno on the 4th of May and am looking forward to the many interesting papers to be given. All your friends will be there and we do so wish you could come too. After the meeting, will go to Carson City to study the material in the museum there and then come back via "Battle Mountain, Nevada" to pick up some fine flint material there. NSF denied the grant to have the knapping school in Oregon this summer, which is a disappointment, but I have so much to do that maybe it will be better to have it later χ on and perhaps you and Tixier could attend.

I hope you have more time than I do for experimenting. I am so busy writing that I have little time to do my pressure work and thermal treatment. We are looking forward to the summer when we can take the camper and go out into the hills and do a little hunting for campgrounds and get in some ~~knapping~~ flintknapping sessions. Spring is here today - so perhaps summer will be here soon.

Thank you again for the book and we are still so disappointed that you could not be here with us this Spring. We do hope that you have plans to be in the states this next year and, if so, we hope you will still plan to come and spend some time at our home.

Sincerely,

Don.

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