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Dear Francois:

Please pardon my long delay in writing to a good friend. I have been so busy trying to write the handbook and have also had to do some traveling to review collections for research. Both you and Denise have been very close to us the last few months, for Evelyn is transcribing the tapes from Les Eyzies and our home is filled with all the voices of the participants. It surely does bring back pleasant memories. There is certainly a volume of good information in the tapes and, in fact, Earl has made a request of NSF to publish them.. Unfortunately, the sound was not turned up on one machine and, therefore, we have about four tapes that are blank. Have coverage for all the American collections but, unfortunately, did not get an coverage on Tixier's material or on yours.

We have just returned from a visit to the University at British Columbia where I did a little work with Charles Borden. He says that MacNeish is trying to get funds to bring you to Calgary. If I can just get you that close, I will certainly hope that you can come to Kimberly or that we can get together somewhere for a little quiet undisturbed work together. I would certainly appreciate the opportunity to work with you, for there is so much that I need to know. Calgary is not too far from my home, you know. Also Saw Dick Daugherty and Alan Smith at Pullman and they have hopes of having another lithic conference either here or there. Hope so. You certainly do have many friends in the States.

Visited the Field Museum site at Vernon this Summer and also the Grasshopper field school in Arizona. Had an interesting experience there. About 11 o'clock at night a large bear came to camp and parked himself just a few meters away from my cabin. Wouldn't leave. Dr. Longacre, camp director, got the Apache cattleman to shoot the bear which was some- to see for he did it on the run, in the dark, and with a small rifle. The bear are numerous there and this man has killed and skinned over three hundred of them. Next morning we propositioned him to skin the bear with stone tools. It was obvious that he thought we were a little eccentric, but decided to humor us. Made a backed blade similar to the Magdalenian ones and also a prismatic blade both of obsidian. He first used the obsidian backed blade and with very little pressure cut through har, hide and almost into the body cavity. He was certainly a surprised and pleased man with the stone tools. Said they saved him at least an hour and a half in skinning time. He is now ordering stone tools from me for the job.

Just got a copy of the Clark Howell Life Nature series book covering your experiments and work. It is a good coverage. Did Laurent ever get out a book of drawings? Hope he will some day, for we really enjoy his work. Am sending you a copy of Tebiwa on the Lindenmeier Folsom. Hope you agree, for you are my most important critic. Am also sending you a box of flakes from the site in Northern Nevada. Big quarry. This is similar to the material you had in France. It is quite tough but works fine after the altering. By the way, Longacre has found the ovens at Grasshopper where the altering was taking place. The stone was still in them and am sure he will publish on this.

Please give our best regards to Denise and your family and hope you will be coming to this side of the Atlantic the next year.

Sincerely,

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