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Dear Francois and Denise:

Now I am the one who must apologize for not writing to you sooner. But I have been so very busy getting out the paper on the Corbiac technique and also involved in getting the contract with the U.S. Govt. to build the Forest Service building. Received a telegram from Senator Jordan last Saturday awarding me the contract - so now I am in debt again. But I am delighted to have this lease with such a fine branch of the U.S. Govt.

Father passed away on Oct. 19th and we had the funeral on the 22nd. He was in such bad shape by the time of his passing that it made losing him just a little bit easier. Mother is doing just fine but we did have to hire a woman to stay with her at nights until she becomes used to being alone. After 59 years of marriage, this is not easy.

We were delighted to receive your letter and know that you enjoyed yourself after you left here and that you arrived home safely. But we do regret that your visit with us could not have been longer for we have truly never enjoyed a guest as much as you. We certainly miss having you here, and Poor Idaho Jim would go to the Mobile home each morning to find you. He became so dejected after four days that he left and did not return for almost a week. When he came back, he was hoping on three legs, with his front paw nearly chewed off. Now he comes back quite regular and the foot is all healed. He is a tough old boy and we are so fond of him now.

Denise, please excuse me for not writing immediately to thank you for your wonderful book. It is indeed a great contribution to the profession and will be the bible for many years to come. I shall prize it always. We are so glad that you enjoyed the very small gifts we sent and wish we could have thought of something better. We are delighted that we will be seeing both of you in March of next year; for I feel sure the meeting will materialize. Marie sent the preliminary proposal and was so glad to find that Denise was coming too. Think, perhaps the crowd is too large, but maybe we can handle them.

I have nearly completed the notes on the experiments and have probably inserted more than I should; but knowing how busy you are, I took the liberty. Please check the paper for any discrepancies and feel free to edit any or all of the text. Will get this off to you this week. I tried to make some drawings and will send them along with the paper but will hope that Laurent will be so disgusted that he will redo them. I find that it is quite difficult to explain techniques without some sketches. As you know, I am no writer but I did put down a few points as I thought of them. After you left, I saw an article in American Antiquity about Clovis blades found in the U.S. which were much like the ones I made held between the knees without a rest. The reference is in the text. Do hope you have read this article on the Clovis blades.

Jane was delighted to receive your gift of the Paul Anderson book. You may have heard from her by this time but her delay was because she has been sick in bed with a virus flu and then her Father was in the Hospital for a serious operation, so she hasn't thanked you as promptly as she should have. Thanks from us also for being so very nice to our niece.

Swanson spent this last week with us and was delighted with the trailer house. He gave a lecture at the Gem Club. He seems happy with the paper I wrote on the Corbiac technique and is delighted that you will write about this experiment and publish it in Tebiwa this Spring.

Gene just arrived to spend some time flintknapping with me so had better close and get busy. He says to give us regards to you and is so happy he had the chance to work with you.

Sincerely,

Don

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