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Dear Francois and Denise:

We were so happy to receive your letter of Dec. 16th, but so saddened by the news of your grandson's illness. This is a terrible blow and our hearts go out to you and Marie and George. Please give them our sincere sympathy and we will pray that it is God's will that the baby will recover. Our niece had a similar tragedy two years ago this coming New Years day and the baby girl died in her arms without any warning. It sounds like the same thing and also the doctors here do not know what it is and give it the crazy name of "crib fever". Please tell George and Marie how sorry we are and we both hope that they will be blessed with another son who will be a fine and strong boy.

We also have been advised about the cancellation of the Lithic Tech. conference and are sorry that we will not have a chance to see you and Denise again and hoped that you would return to Kimberly with us for a visit. I certainly do agree with you that the crowd was too large and that we could have resolved little with so many there. I also had an objection to one of the attendants - i.e. Kenneth Honea. He is the fellow in some out-of-the-way museum in Texas who stole my outline on the analysis of projectile points and then proceeded to write it up under his own name. Unfortunately he did not know what he was talking about and applied the outline to scrapers which didn't make any sense at all. But I was really furious about this plagiarism and did not quite see how I was going to be civil to this fellow at the meeting. Some day I hope to find out just how he got my outline. I would really like to have the next meeting in Mexico with Jose Lorenzo where they have plenty of good raw material plus a climate that is conducive to flintknapping.

I suppose you have heard by this time that Marie will be at Tempe for a year starting next June. Don't know if she plans to make this permanent or not. Also Scotty MacNeish is going to be at Andover and Marie writes that when they both get in their new institutions they will again think about planing another conference. But I do hope she will hold down the number of attendants. I am only sorry that we live so far apart for there is so very much that I would like to ask you and compare techniques. Maybe someday we can make it over to Bordeaux again. We shall dream of it anyway. Also, Swanson talks about trying to get you back here again so we can do some more work together.

Again, I want to apologize for the paper I sent. I just put down some of the things we did and you have my permission to change anything you wish. There were not enough photos to cover all operations but I selected those which I thought might be used. It is unfortunate that we did not have the paper in mind while the photographer was with us. At present, I am writing a paper on the analysis and manufacturing techniques of the Hohokam points as they incorporate several different pressure techniques. To date I have done very little writing on pressure and hope that this will be a quick coverage of several techniques. I started working on a glossary of flintknapping terms, but the thing has gotten out of hand and now looks more like a handbook. I think I shall have to drop the glossary bit and call it "Technological terminology applied to lithic industries". Think the explanation of terms will be more lengthy now and those that need it will have drawings. When I finish this, I would like to send it to you for your opinion so that we could have closer affiliation between New and Old World terminology. If you would be interested, we could make this a joint project. Swanson seems to like to so far but wanted me to send it to some of the people in the profession in the States for their approval. I won't agree to this after the experience of having my outline given to Honea and told him that you were the only one in the profession who was qualified to pass judgement on the terms and meanings.

We both want to say again how very much we enjoyed your visit here and do

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hope you can return some day in the not too distant future. Idaho Jim is still lonely and follows me to the trailer and looks all over for you. By this time, I guess you know we have adopted him.

Again, please accept our sympathy over the illness of your fine grandson and we do hope that some miracle has happened by this time and that he is well. Give our very best to Marie and George.

Your very good friends,

Don and Evelyn