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Dear Francois and Denise:

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your grandson and do hope that your grief and sorrow will become lessened as time goes by. As you know, both of us have had recent losses in our families and know what you are enduring. To you and your family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. It is certainly most difficult to work when one has such a burden to bear and only time can heal a wound such as this.

I called Oran Jones and he said he had received the pictures you sent to him and he is most grateful to you for remembering him. He said it was such a compliment to him to have you take your valuable time to consider sending these pictures. Norman Herrett of our local museum was most impressed with your taking time to look at his collection and asked me to send you regards.

Just returned from a week at the University at Pocatello and reviewed a film taken in my backyard last Summer. It really came out beautifully. Most of it was on pressure work and the shots were unbelievable. I don't know how the cameraman did it, but he got high speed shots in color of parallel flaking work and you can see not only the platform preparation in detail but also the application of the downward and outward pressure. Do wish someday you could get a copy of this. Another shot was on percussion work and he had me remove my shirt and we were amazed to see the film show up every muscle involved in percussion.

Swanson is still hopeful that we can have you back in Idaho some days and next time I hope it will be a longer stay. Our home is always open to you and your family.

Had just about finished my paper on Hohokam pressure work when I received a representative collection of the points from the University of Arizona. They were ever so much smaller than I remembered and so now I have to revise my technique for both the pressure work and the serrations. It certainly goes to prove that one must have the genuine article before him and not rely on memory or a photograph, for the size made such a great difference in the technique.

Hope you are enjoying your new laboratoire and will find time to do some experimenting. Please give our best to your family.

Sincerely,

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