

August 23, 1968

Dear Francois:

A hurried note to acknowledge ~~the~~ card from you and the Binford's and say how delighted we are to hear of your coming back to Kimberly next Spring. Your little trailer house will be waiting for you. We speak so often of the very fine times we had here together and how much we enjoyed your visit. There is so much I want to confer with you on - especially the edge-ground cobble technique - and am really honored that you will consider visiting our humble home again. This time I hope we will have no interference while you are here.

Had a note from Tixier and he says that he is coming in March or April to the University of Chicago and then will come to Kimberly. This too is a great honor and I am looking forward to working with him also. How can I be so lucky to have two such great men visit me in one year. Am sure that Dr. Swanson will raise some money one way or the other to have both of you lecture at I.S.U.

Am enclosing copy of my letter to Ed Wilmsen regarding the thesis on flintknapping. Francois, I took it really easy on this kid, because I think he has a lot on the ball and, with the proper direction, can be a great help in the identification of lithic tools. There was so much more that I could have said, but thought after his visit with you that he would realize the folly of some of his statements. I am sending you this letter to give you some idea of what to expect from him. Do hope that you will get across to him the importance of making statements without experimenting, or at least watching someone experiment. Am sending a lot of obsidian to the Smithsonian today for my proposed visit to see him in October at which time I will do some demonstrations for him and try to help him. Have to do what I can before he goes to work at Ann Arbor.

Idaho Jim deserted us for a couple of months, but about two weeks ago started coming back. He looks fine and every day checks the trailer to see if you are there. Guess he knows that you are returning and, after getting your card, I can now tell him this is true.

Give our regards to the Binford's and hope to see you all real soon.

Sincerely,

Don

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Dear Don,

I have received your two letters of July 16 and Aug. 23. I have not yet received the obsidian, though.

Wilmsen is here since two days, looking on some solutrean stuff. I will take him with me to Carsac (I am back to Talence for some days) before he leaves, and flake flint to show him different things. I think that, in the future, he may be good.

I have seen Tixier, delighted at the idea of coming to the States and see you. I do not know yet when I shall be there, but it is possible that I may be in Idaho at the same time as Tixier, which would be fun, don't you think so? Anyway, I shall do my best to come.

I had a very tiring summer, I will tell you later why, and am more or less exhausted. So I close this letter by sending you and Evelyn our best. The Binford's, who are here, join us in that!

P.S. Glad to know old Idaho Jim is still there!

