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Dear Francois and Denise:

Please excuse the long silence, but have had so many problems, as I am sure you do too from time to time. Finished the paper on pressure work and just got that mailed when I had a call from N.B.C. in New York to head for the Marmes Rock Shelter to participate in the N.B.C. special "The First American". Guess you have seen all the publicity on this Daugherty site. The weather there was terrible and after sitting in the rain and snow for ten days doing the flintknapping, I came down with the old Hong Kong Flu. Have been confined to bed ever since. Today I feel some better but am so weak now. Do hope you do not have this terrible bug in France. We have had 800 deaths here from it. This week I lost one of my best friends from this terrible bug. This NBC special will be on the air in March and do hope you will be in the State to see it. They are tracing man from Siberia, across the straits and down to Patagonia. So it should be real interesting. My part will be very small and I could well end up on the cutting room floor if time does not permit. But anyway I did my bit, replicating some of the artifacts found at the site. During the course of our ten days with the NBC crew we talked of our wonderful friends the Bordes and Tixiers. As a result, the producer, Craig Fisher, asked me to send you an invitation from N.B.C. to be interviewed on national T.V. This is a very nice man whom I am sure you will enjoy and it is surprising what he has learned from just making this film on the age of man. Mr. Fisher said if you plan to stop in New York, he would like to interview you on N.B.C. for nationwide coverage and that he would show you all of N.B.C. and also show you and Denise the better part of New York. I warned him about the darkened dining rooms, etc which you do not like, so he plans to wine and dine you at Toot Shores, if you do come. I could not tell him when you were arriving in the States for I have not heard either from you or Thompson. So, if you are interested, please drop him a line and let him know when you will be in N.Y. Address: Craig Fisher, Producer, N.B.C. News - National Broadcasting Co., Inc 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020. Phone Circle 7-8300. I do not know what the pay would be for this but there is something and it is a real honor in this country to be asked to do such an interview.

We are so looking forward your you and Denise and the Tixiers visiting our home and know we will have a fine work session. At Pullman they asked if they could get you to speak there - also Denise and Jacques. I told them yes, if it did not interfere with my time with you. So we left it like this. If you and Jacques do not accept, then they want Denise to come up while we are working here and give a lecture at Pullman. If that doesnot work out, then they want all three of you after you have finished here. Will leave it up to you. Know Swanson is planning something at our University for all of you too. Jacques is worrying about accommodations here. Just wrote to him and told him not to worry. We still have the trailer which will sleep four. If you feel that is two crowded, one couple can stay at the Twin Falls Motel which is just two miles down the highway. Just bought another old Lark car - so now have three cars and one is available to whoever needs it. We will manage fine. Evelyn just hopes the girls will put up with her cooking, as she knows what fine cooks they are. Clyde Smith is sending me a copy of my part of the film made at Berkeley, so we can see that when you are here. All your friends here send greetings and have extended dinner invitations when you are all here. Idaho Jim did not come around for about a month and we gave up hope, but he is now back and stays here all the time. My, he looks bigger and healthier than when you were here. We have had constant snow for four days and it has become a real problem to get food and medicine. Evie can't drive on slick streets, so we depend on the neighbors for groceries and medicene.

Please excuse this jumbled letter, but am still so weak. Will write later when I am myself again and we will make some real plans. May you and your lovely family have a very happy Christmas and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Sincerely