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Dear Francois:

A million thanks for sending a really great book. You are a true friend. I will not embrass you by raving about the quality of your work, but it is really great and the illustrations and photography are magnificent. The time charts will certainly save the students many, many hours of research. How in the world do you do so many things? I just worry that you are doing too much and should start now to think of yourself and your health for you have already given so many great contributions to the profession. I do hope that you still plan a trip to the States this Fall when we can get together in Kimberly to realx and do our experiments at our leisure. I have so much to learn from you. Swanson tells me that the conference has been put off until 1971 and this is better for me as I have a full schedule and am sure that you do not have a minute to spare.

We just returned from five weeks in Mexico which was simply great. Saw a lot of beautiful country and some of the world's great archaeology. However, Mexico is not the same as the last time I saw it - five years ago. They are getting a middle class now and, unfortunately, are copying all the awful habits of the Americans to the point where there is congestion and, for the first time, spoiled children. It is a shame for the children were the great resource of Mexico. We plan to fly to Mexico City where the ASA meetings will be held April 30 to May 3rd. Will look forward to seeing Lorenzo again and hearing of his magnificent lab work. Do wish you could attend.

Worked at the university last week and Swanson let me read your proposal of the forthcoming experimental session. Sounds great and Swanson was impressed. He is sending you a hundred reprints of the Corbiac paper. We are, indeed, honored to have your work in "Tebiwá". We have been and are busy making four films which is more work than I had anticipated. One will be ~~one~~ the cone principle, one on pressure, one on bladmaking, and one on percussion (which you should be doing - not I). We are also preparing to go to New York where I will demonstrate at the American Museum and they will have an exhibit of my work for a couple of months. After the week there, we will go up to Yale for another "Monkey show" of toolmaking. Hope this is my last one. Also plan another lithic technology field school for this Summer. Last year's session went over so big that I am afraid I am stuck with them from now on and everyone wants to increase the number of attendants. Will have to have help from you or Tixier if this happens, as I can only handle so many at a time. Gene has been a real big help.

Thanks again for the book and for the quote about the bear skinning. Do hope you plan a translation of this book, for I still find it very difficult to read French - but am working on it.

Please give our very best to Denise and your lovely family and do hope we can all get together real soon.

Best wishes to a real friend,

Will send you the long
over-due slides this
week.

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