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Dear Francois and Denise:

Thank you both so very much for your most kind and thoughtful letters. At a time like this, they mean so much to both of us to know that we have such fine friends. As they say "Good friends are greater than riches"; and you have made us wealthy indeed. I know at times you must get fed up with our "Tricky Dickey" and Americans, but never include the archaeologists in this category. They have been so kind to us during this illness. Hundreds of cards, flowers, phone calls and offers of money. I just did not know such kind of people existed. It is an honor to work with such a group. Did Evelyn tell you that we met some of the Apaches from Arizona at the hospital in Blackfoot and they had heard of our visits to the field school at Grasshopper and invited us down to have their medicine man heal Evelyn. It would be fun to go.

We are at home now in Kimberly and Evelyn is resting and trying to heal the terrible surgery and cobalt burns. It has been such a frightening and unexpected experience and we only hope and pray that the treatment will be successful. Poor girl has a burned esophagus, trachea and can hardly use either arm.

We are so please to learn that you will consider coming to Kimberly in September for we would certainly love to have you. Your little home on wheels is waiting for you. We have so much to talk about and so many experiments to try. From the looks of your pressure work, I want you to give me a few lessons. We have enlarged the airport at Twin Falls and now have a new jet service from Salt Lake. So it will be a better ride for you and now all I need to know is what flight you will be on so that I can look forward to meeting the plane. I am excited about Denise saying she has noticed functional scars on the blades in the upper Paleolithic. Will be anxious to discuss this with you.

I will make this letter short as we can talk better than I can write. I do want to thank you for calling Tixier for we had such a nice letter from he and his family. Will see you soon.

Your friends,

Don and Evelyn

I guess we forgot to tell you that X-rays show that the cobalt treatment has shrunk the tumor on Evie's lung, but Doctor says he will not guarantee us anything. So we still need your prayers and positive thinking.