



April 11, 1967

Mr. Don Crabtree
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Dear Don:

Rob showed me your letter of April 1. I have not read any of Rob's letters to you but I wonder if you haven't misunderstood his intentions. Your reference to the need for doing raw material study implies that you believe that he is looking for a thesis project. This is not the case. He has many good possible projects in mind.

What he wants is simply to study flint flaking so that he can apply the principles of flint fracture to the analysis of archaeological collections. Obviously, no one can compete with you in knowledge of flint knapping so therefore you are the only possible professor under whom he could study. If you had acceded to his request I had hoped to give him a bursary which he could then use to pay you tuition.

It should be made clear that there is no question that he would attempt to publish your knowledge on his own; however, he could certainly be of assistance to you as a discussant and editor of your material.

I do not see how this objective would interfere with the NSF project; rather, it seems to me that it would complement it.

I sent off your analysis of the Wilson Butte artifacts to Current Anthropology. I do not yet know if it has been accepted.

Best,

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cc Mr. R. Bonnicksen

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