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Dear Alan:

Thanks so much for your letter of April 11th regarding Rob Bonnichson studying with me. I have certainly considered this and, if there is any way we can work this thing out, I am all for it.

I would enjoy very much working with Rob and certainly would hold back nothing in the way of knowledge of flintknapping or interpretations of techniques. This is the very point of the NSF grant to put this knowledge into the hands of professionals and is certainly something that I have wanted to do for many years. I can think of no one I would rather give this information to than Rob. Unfortunately, I have misplaced Rob's letter and, therefore, cannot refer to it again to refresh my memory about how long Rob wanted to study with me.

My position is this. I am working half time for Earl on the NSF grant and you would ordinarily think this would give me plenty of time to spend on other projects. However, my lack of education in journalism makes writing very difficult for me and, therefore, I spend more than half my time on the project. Together with the fact that I must do a lot of reading for research and allow myself rest periods for health reasons does not leave me the free time one would expect.

Also, I am obliged, at intervals, to make trips to other universities to study collections which keeps me away from the scene of action from time to time. In July I will be spending at least two weeks at the Grasshopper site in Arizona and Francois will be here the middle of September to study with me for two weeks and then there are times I have to spend in Pocatello with Earl doing the film work and reviewing the writing and cataloging my collection. Also, my wife is on my back to take a vacation now and then to the hills - so this puts me away from home much of the time. This is why I hesitated to tell Rob that I could work with him for any appreciable amount of time.

If there is any way, under the above circumstances, that you feel I can do anything for Rob, I would like nothing better and I certainly could use his help on the editing and improvement of my writing. Rob said, at one time, that he might be going to Pullman this year. If this is the case, then we would have no problem for I could simply set aside a week now and then - say once a month - and have him come down and work with me. Any suggestions you have to offer on how I can be of help to Rob will be appreciated and I would love to have him around to help me perhaps more than I could help him.

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We will be going to Ann Arbor to the meeting in May and we do hope that you and Ruth will be there and we will have a chance to visit with you and can maybe work this thing out then.

Please give our regards to Ruth and Rob and Dixie and especially to little Clyde. Expect he is not so little anymore.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree