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Dear Alan and Ruth:

We are both so sorry to have missed you when you stopped at our home, but had just gone to town for a bit. I do, however, really appreciate the letter you left and was so glad to hear something about your trip to meso america. As you know, we have been having a bad time with Evelyn's health and now the cancer has spread to the arms and shoulders which keeps us in Salt Lake a good part of the time taking the cobalt and chemotherapy treatments. We can only hope and pray that they will be successful. Thelung is doing fine, but we have this new bone problem to worry about. Since she cannot type anymore, I am really behind in correspondence and papers. Am trying to finish up a flake analysis paper and one on technical traits, but don't have much time anymore due to the illness.

Had a very successful summer field school and was delighted with the students' interest and ability. Francois was with us for a week during that time so the students had the benefit of two days of his instructions. Incidentally, I understand he will be at your university and am sure he can answer your questions much better than I. It is very difficult by letter to really put over ones meaning.

About Lorenzo's Tlapacoya site - Swinson and I did visit the site and also went to the office to do some analysis of the materials from the site. I confess - as I did to Lorenzo - that I could come to no conclusions regarding the technology as the material is not elastic and shows no details of flake scars. It was generally without bulbs of force, making it exceedingly difficult to determine in which direction force was applied. So am afraid I could be of no help and think - as I also told Lorenzo - that it would take a Francois Bordes to interpret the collection. Like you, however, I thought it think the site is very important and felt that those who attended that day also ^{merited} continued work.

For the Lanning material, I did not have enough time while in New York to examine the collection so would rather not form any conclusions at this time. Perhaps some day I can get back there again and really study the material and form some conclusions. It is very difficult to explain in a letter any reactions I had to the collection so will wait until I have seen more material.

Like you, I think Ruth should apply for money to do further work at Wilson Butte to dig the lower levels and see if she can come up with additional materials.

Again, we are both so sorry to have missed you for would love to have heard about your trip. Sounds like you had an exciting time and saw lots of sites and materials. I too would like to see Fells cave for Junius has described it in such great detail to me. Perhaps some day.

Thanks again for stopping and do it again when you are do n this way. Am sure we will be home the next time.

Yours truly,

Don E. Crabtree

P.S. This letter is short and sweet for I am trying so desperately to get caught up on work and finish some papers for I.S.U.

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