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Mr. & Mrs. Don Crabtree  
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Dear Don and Evelyn,

Hopefully this letter will reach you before your departure for France. We are sure that you will both enjoy your trip immensely, and hope that you will be able to visit all the cave paintings in the Les Eyzies area. We're sorry that Prof. Movius will not be there to show you the Abri Pataud excavations, but perhaps Prof. Bordes will be able to show you the site, as well as his excavations at Laugerie Haute, etc. We suspect that the archaeologist from Toronto is Phil Smith who recently wrote a good article in Scientific American on his excavations at Laugerie Haute in the Solutrean horizon. Give our regards to Marie, Phil, Henry & Cynthia.

Allen Smith called me on the Monday after you had left Calgary so I knew something was in the wind. I thought it best to tell him that we had made the film. I want to make it clear that we did so simply because the opportunity presented itself and that it should in no way prevent you from making whatever other film the NSF or anyone else may want you to make, especially if you get paid an honorarium to do so. If I had known for sure that they would do something I probably would not have gone through with it, but it had been several months since I suggested it to Allen Smith and Spaulding and nothing had yet been done. Jim Salt says that he's working on it but I have not yet seen a proof, so I do not know how it came out. The reason I say this is because Earl seemed a bit perturbed about the fact that a film had been made. In my opinion, every opportunity should be taken to record as much as possible your skills.

We're quite sure that we will get the O.K. to go ahead with a Master's program here starting next year, and we agree that it might be best for Rob to come here before going to a big University where he might get brushed aside under the heavy competition. We will recommend that he ~~apply~~ apply to the Graduate Studies program. We wish that we could have him next summer but Earl certainly has first bid and obviously needs him.

Jim Salt gave me a copy of the Mortlach site report to send on to you, but with your permission I would like to keep it here for our archaeology lab. as it is out of print and will be more and more difficult to obtain as the years go by. I checked on that American Antiquity you sent back and it is a duplicate which you may have if you want it. Both Ruth and I were delighted with the warm slippers, Evelyn, and we would like to thank you very much for them as well as for the two slides of the kid, who, by the way, is doing just fine. He's starting to practice his sit-ups and occasionally his efforts to crawl result in a bit of forward progression--he just has to get his big belly off the floor and away he'll go.

The flint is not from Brandon, Suffolk but from Frindsbury across the Medway from Rochester in Kent about 40 miles east of London. There's lots of it there in the quarry if you can go there, perhaps on your way to Dover and Canterbury. Frindsbury is not far from Swanscombe and Gravesend. Have a wonderful trip, and don't hurry back--enjoy it fully. We'll be in New York & Montreal at Christmas. Maybe we could meet? All our best,

*Alan J. Ruth*

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