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Dear Alan and Ruth:

I certainly owe you an apology and explanation for not attending the meeting at Bellingham. I was so disappointed, as we had both looked forward to meeting you again and I wanted to deliver the specimens I had promised. We received no notice of the meeting and did not know about it until the day before it was held. Happened to call Earl and ask when the meeting was to be held. He was all apologies and said my invitation had been sent to the Museum and he had failed to forward it to me. By this time, it was much too late to go or to write to you and explain that I would not be there. However, it would have been very difficult for me to have attended on that date, as I was busy remodeling our business building and I doubt if I could have gotten away. Secured a new lease with the Twin Falls-Wells Stage line and they required that a false ceiling be installed plus a new office and a few other things. Don't ever try hanging 5000 sq. ft. of ceiling - it is quite an undertaking. We are both sorry to have missed the meeting and to have had the opportunity to again visit with you and Ruth. I will be sending you, soon, the artifacts I promised.

Right now, I am busy getting ready to leave for Berkeley this Friday to meet with Dr. Bordes. N.S.F. brought Dr. and Mrs. Bordes over here on April 19th to give some lectures in California and then they decided to make a film of his knapping. He, very kindly, requested that they include me in the film and Desmond Clark seemed to go along with the idea. I am so happy at the prospect of again meeting Bordes and learning further from him about percussion. He has certainly progressed rapidly in the pressure work, for I had very little time to spend with him in France. I do hope this film will interfere in no way with the one you made and do hope that your film turned out as you hoped. In an effort to secure flint for the meet with Bordes, I wrote to Dr. Baby who was nice enough to send what material he had on hand. When he replied to my request, he put in a bid for a copy of this film we are to make. I do not know if Clark and N.S.F. plan to have copies made and, therefore, mention this - in the event you plan to make copies of your film or to rent it, - in which case, you might like to correspond with Dr. Baby.

Ted Weld wrote that he had talked with you at Bellingham and, I believe, he plans to visit your dig this Summer. We are looking forward to getting out this Summer for some exercise and camping, and I do hope you will let us know of the location of both of your digs, in the event we can get up that way. We would love to visit with you in the field and to, again, see some more of beautiful Canada.

I would imagine that Clyde is growing like a weed now and we would love to see him in the walking stage. Please give our regards to all the fine people on your staff who were so very cordial to us when we were in Canada.

Sincerely,

P.S. Will mail your package as soon
as I return from Berkeley.

Don E. Crabtree

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