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Dear Don Crabtree,

Thank you for your Christmas card and good wishes, which we heartily reciprocate.

It was good to read your admirable article on the making of the Folsom point in "Tebiwa". Few accounts of experimental work (in any science!) describe the failures as well as the successes experienced, and these are often as instructive as the ~~former~~ latter. Alas! none of us has your experience and manipulative skill to attempt to reproduce your results ourselves, so keep writing and describing all the techniques and preparatory processes which you have investigated, for your knowledge is unique in this field and it may be another 30 or 40 years before any other dedicated soul, even if he were to start immediately, could hope to emulate you - and few of us can hope to be there to see it!

I went for a week-end (literally!) to Winnipeg, early in November, to attend a conference on environmental studies in the Glacial Lake Agassiz basin. Once there, I took a week's leave, in the middle of Term, to dash down to Mexico and straighten out a few problems arising from my work there in the Spring. As a result, I have been working double shifts ever since to catch up on the teaching. It was very worth while, though. My Mexican friends were wonderful and we put in seven days' concentrated fieldwork, including a helicopter-flight over my strip of

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country.

Thank you, also, for the nice things you say about my book. It represents the substance of what we teach the archaeologists here, by way of a background of natural knowledge, not only for the facts, but for the attitude to an environmental setting of archaeology, applicable to any area and period presenting its own set of conditions.

We are as proud of Earl Swanson as of anybody we have ever had here, for going home and applying what he knows to his particular problems. The I.S.U. Museum publications are the proof, including yours. Keep it up!

Yours very sincerely,

Jan Cornwall

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