

HOUSTON, TEXAS
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DEAR DON,

I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LATENESS OF THIS LETTER OF THANKS. LUCILLE HARTEN OF THE I.S.U. MUSEUM FORWARDED THE INFORMATION REQUESTED, AND I HAVE SINCE ORDERED AND RECEIVED COPIES OF THE PUBLICATIONS I WAS LOOKING FOR. THANKS AGAIN.

IN THE MEANTIME I HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATING WITH AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS, J. B. SOLIBARGER OF DALLAS. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL WORKING SESSIONS TOGETHER, MUTUALLY PROFITABLE I THINK. SOLLY IS ONE VERY FINE, PRACTICAL PERSON. I CAN UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE HE SPEAKS AND AGREE WITH THE MAJORITY OF HIS THINKING. I'M SORRY TO SAY I CAN'T ALWAYS REACH THIS RAPPORT WITH PROFESSIONAL ARCHEOLOGISTS - WENDOLF PERHAPS EXCEPTED, BECAUSE WE GROW UP TOGETHER.

I HAVE A LOT TO LEARN, BUT WITH SOLLY'S HELP AND WITH YOUR WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS, I'M MAKING PROGRESS. I'M SURE YOU'VE BEEN TOLD BEFORE THAT YOUR STYLE OF WRITING IS REMARKABLY CLEAR - IT IS - LET ME SAY IT AGAIN. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

LEB PATTERSON, SOLLY, AND I WERE ON A FLINT SEARCHING EXPEDITION ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO AND ARE GOING AGAIN THIS WEEKEND. CENTRAL TEXAS IS FULL OF FLINT

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DEPOSITS. LEDGES OR TABULAR, AND NODULAR. SOME, LIKE THE GROBERTOWN GRAY WORKS FAIRLY WELL WITHOUT HEAT TREATING. CORYELL BLACK CHERT WAS VERY POPULAR WITH THE RESEMBLING AND HEAT TREATS AT ABOUT 450°. BELTON GRAY CHERT REQUIRES 500°, WORKS WELL, BUT NEVER DOES REALLY GET THE OILY APPEARANCE OF THE OTHERS. THERE IS A BROWN FLINT FROM EDWARDS COUNTY THAT TAKES 500° AND IS GLOSSY AND TRUE BRAINED. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF FLINTS FROM UVALDE AND FRIO COUNTIES THAT ARE HARD AS HECK BUT HEAT TREATS WELL - ARTIFACTS FROM HERE CAN BE EXTREMELY THIN AND WELL FORMED.

I STILL HAVE A BIT OF THE COLLECTOR IN ME AND PICK UP ALL THE LOCAL ARTIFACTS I CAN IN MY TRAVELS. IT MEANS MISERY LATER ON BECAUSE SOONER OR LATER I HAVE TO TRY TO REPLICATE THEM. SOLLY IS HAVING FITS AT THE MOMENT WITH SOME BEAUTIFUL LITTLE 4" ENSOR POINTS. I'LL SEE HOW HE'S MAKING OUT ON SATURDAY. YESTERDAY BY PHONE HE ASKED ME TO BRING ALONG A TRAY OF MODELS FOR COMPARISON. I KEEP KIDDING HIM ABOUT BEING STUCK ON PALEO POINTS - NO LITTLE BARBS OR TANGS TO POP OFF - NICK AND THIN LIKE GEORGIAN BIFACES.

DON, WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IS THIS - WHEN WE FIND THE DEPOSITS OR LEDGES WE DO

OUR BLANKING OUT ON THE SITE. WE TRY NOT TO CONTAMINATE AN EXISTING SITE, BUT I'M AFRAID WE DON'T GO QUITE AS FAR AS YOUR FRIEND BONNICHSEN AND DIG A LATRINE HOLE TO DUMP THE SPALLS AND FLAKES IN. IT'S MUCH MORE CONVENIENT TO BRING HOME THE BLANKS THAN THE BOULDERS. SO - IF YOU NEED SOME GOOD TEXAS BLANKS TO PRACTICE ON, JUST LET US KNOW!

ON SOME OF THE OLD QUARRY SITES IT'S POSSIBLE TO PICK UP THESE "PREFORMED BIFACES" ON THE SURFACE. MUCH EASIER THAN WHITTLING THEM OUT YOURSELF. WHEN YOU RUN INTO DOZENS AND IN SOME CASES HUNDREDS OF THEM - WELL - JUST HOW BIG A SAMPLING DOES THE ARCHEOLOGIST NEED? SO, WE SOMETIMES FINISH THE WORK THE INDIAN BEGAN. SOMETIMES THEY'VE BEEN HEAT TREATED, SOMETIMES NOT. OF COURSE, WE'RE ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANYTHING UNUSUAL, AND HERE'S WHERE FRED'S PEOPLE WILL COME IN.

OBSIDIAN WE DON'T HAVE, EXCEPT FOR SOME OF MY MEXICAN ARTIFACTS, SO ANYTIME YOU'RE FEELING GENEROUS, SHIP US A SUPPLY. BLANKS OR BOULDERS, WE'LL TRY ANYTHING. AND WHEN YOU'RE IN THE MOOD TO WORK ON SOMETHING HARD, LET US KNOW, AND WE RECIPROCATE WITH A LOAD OF THIS TEXAS STUFF.

I'VE BEEN RAMBLING ON, AND HAVE COME

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TO THE END OF ANOTHER DAY AT THE OFFICE. I'D
MUCH RATHER BE OUT IN THE HILLS CHIPPING
FLINT.

HECK'S WISHING YOU THE BEST ON YOUR UPCOMING
OPERATION.

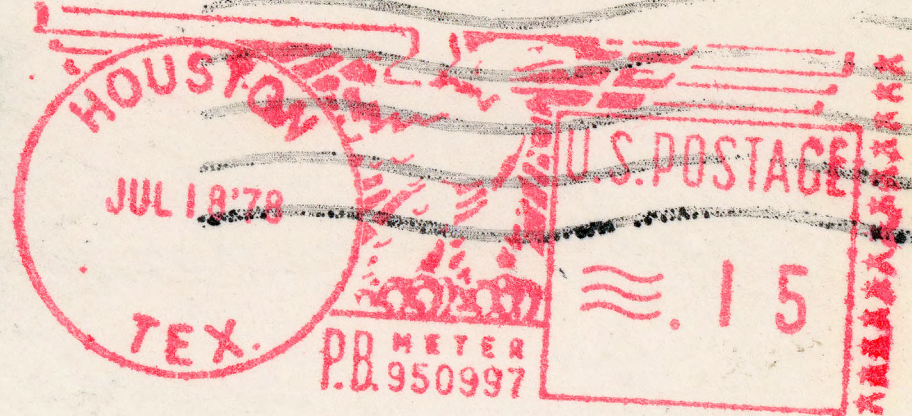
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