

Post Restante, Karonga,  
Malawi, Central Africa.

18th August 1965

Dear Don and Evelyn,

I hope you will accept my very sincere apologies for not having long before this written to thank you for your letter of the 1st June which arrived shortly before we left Berkeley and which I have been carrying round with me since. It was such a pleasure meeting you both in Berkeley and Betty and ~~both~~<sup>I</sup> greatly look forward to the next opportunity. Am much looking forward to seeing the picture that Evelyn took and also the housewarming present you speak of - this is terribly kind of you - very, very many thanks.

We have been moving around since we left Berkeley on the 8th June. After two days in England with our children we flew out here to Rhodesia where we got together our three vehicles, equipment and supplies and then came overland from Bulawayo via Lusaka in Zambia to the top end of Lake Nyasa where are the lake deposits that is our primary interest. We set up camp in three days and then got the work under way. Were lucky in finding several interesting flaking floors eroding from the scarp near our camp and we have a main excavation going here uncovering the scatter and recording the plots. You would be very interested to see the material (hard quartzite) and the way it is lying. On the 9th July Betty and I flew to the Wenner-Gren European H.Q. in Austria for a conference that we were organising on African terminology. This was in three groups of Palaeontologists, geologists and prehistorians and lasted for a month. It was most successful but also very exhausting and we are quite glad of a change of occupation! After two days at the Cape to see an excavation and the analysis of the material that one of our graduate students has done (excellantly) I flew up here and am now back at work excavating until the end of October when the rains will start and we shall make our way south with the finds. Betty flew to England to be with our daughter for two weeks before returning here on the 26th; sometime in September we are told we shall reach the exalted status of grandparents.

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When in Austria I did show your letter about the casting of Clovis and other palaeo-Indian points to Mrs Osmundsen the Director of Research but it was at the time we were discussing the production of the first set of casts of the fossil hominid material and the matter was not pursued. I very much hope that it will be possible to do what you suggest regarding sets of casts of the main point forms and if the owners are willing to send the originals to New York for the moulds to be made we could ask Mrs Osmundsen if the casting programme could take on the work. I would like to take this up with you again when I return to Berkeley in January or you could do so direct yourself before then.

Your fame has spread very widely in Europe and Jaques Tixier, who was at the castle gave us a demonstration of pressure flaking in what he described as pre- and post- Don Crabtree ~~techniques~~ techniques! When we get back Clyde Smith should have ready the first assembly of the field you and Francois made and I am longing to see it.

With very warmest greetings to you both from Betty and myself,  
Yours very sincerely,

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*Samuel*



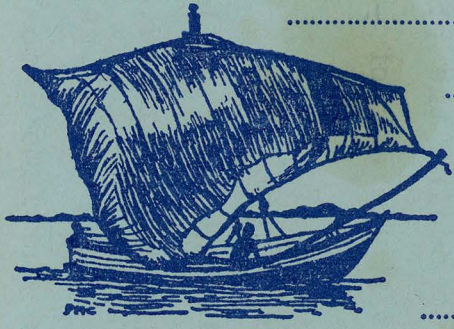


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