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Dear Don -

I'm back in Hawaii now, and I must say that it is good to be home, though the heat and humidity are draining my energy.

After the fieldschool was over Betsy and I drove down to Glass Buttes to get supplies of obsidian. What a great place -- it was like Jeff said - a supermarket for obsidian. It sure was easier gathering the obsidian than quarrying basalt on Manna Kea. I shipped 150 lbs of glass bone, so that I will have some material other than basalt to work with.

I have wanted to write to you to thank you for coming up and participating in this year's fieldschool. It was truly an honor and a privilege to meet you and to work with you. It is an experience that I will never forget.

I also want to thank you for your help in figuring out how quadrangular adzes were made. I am convinced that the only way that they could be made was with the use of an anvil. It

seemed that this technique not only produces straight sides, but that less force was required to remove flakes.

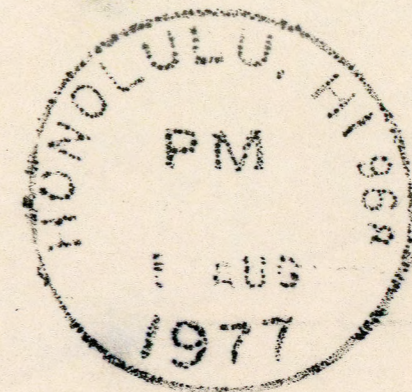
The fieldschool experience was truly an eye-opener. I don't think that I have ever had a more profitable experience. And it is all due to the efforts of you and Jeff. Jeff is a fantastic teacher - he's intelligent, patient and his enthusiasm is contagious. What a remarkable man!!

I've spoken with Tony Maiava, at the Bishop Museum, about having an oak replica up for you. He said that he would do it - and will probably start on it next week.

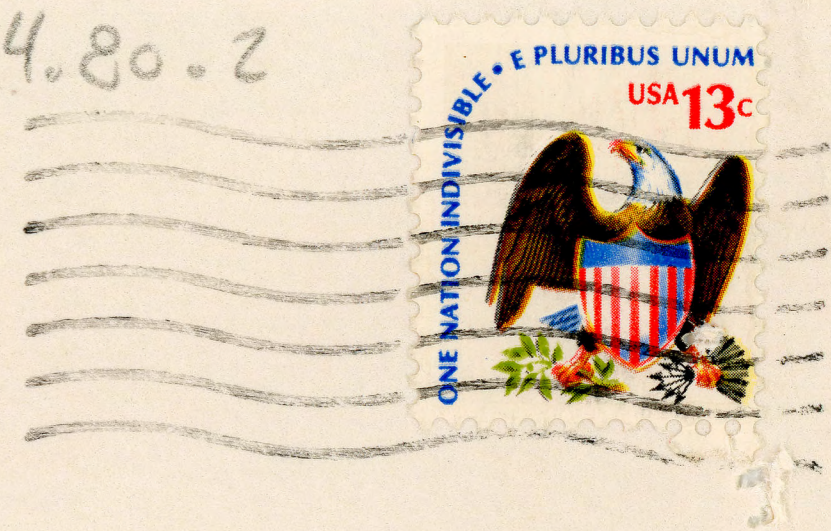
Well Don that's about all for now, I hope that this letter finds you in good health.

Aloha,  
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