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Mr. Donald Crabtree
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Dear Don:

I am organizing the second annual meeting of the International Cordilleran Conference, following a successful first meeting at Boise State College in March of last year.

The focus of this year's conference will be obsidian studies. I'll be bringing in archaeologists, chemists, geologists and physicists to participate in the three daytime sessions on Archaeological Field Applications, Basic Research and a future-oriented Brainstorming session. As special aspects, I would like to invite your participation as an operator of an obsidian working demonstration to be scheduled for an evening meeting. You could run the demonstration any way you see fit. Unfortunately, we lack a local supply of obsidian and our lithic tech students have worked essentially with ignimbrite (in limited quantity), quartzite and chert. I am also interested in showing one or more of the films resulting from your lithics research if you can arrange their loan or rental during your stay with us.

The conference will be held either February 1, 2 and 3, or 8, 9 and 10. The date is dependent upon when I can get an adequate meeting place, a fact which I'll control shortly. These meetings will definitely constitute a landmark experience. If you are interested and can be available, would you please estimate which costs you would like covered (round trip air or car fare, per diem, fees, etc.) so that I can call you in a few days for the information? It would also expedite things if you had on hand the film titles, running time and any costs that might be connected with their showing.

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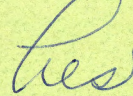
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Also, if possible, I would like to invite you to share your technical insights in obsidian working "formally" during the Basic Research Session on the second day of the conference.

I'll be able to talk in more concrete terms when I call you concerning the timing of the meetings. I presently anticipate that the rock knocking session would be scheduled for either the first or the eighth. Feel free to design your program in any way that will be beneficial to the conference theme.

Best regards,



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