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Dear Dr. Davis:

I want to take this opportunity to formally thank both you and Dr. Earl Swanson for using your valuable time to attend the Museum opening last Sunday and saying such kind words in my behalf. It is, indeed, an honor to be associated with such a reputable institution as Idaho State University and particularly with the progressive Department of Anthropology.

I was so surprised and overwhelmed by this occasion that I fear I failed to give credit where credit is due. Any contribution I have made to Idaho State University or the profession is due to the wisdom of Dr. Earl Swanson - the one man in the profession who realized the value and necessity of basing lithic typeology on manufacturing techniques. Prior to the point typeology session in Pocatello in 1962, American typeology was based primarily on theory and morphology. It was Dr. Swanson who made the participants of this meeting realize the value of defining individual techniques through experimental replication of stone tools to interpret the widespread diverse traits and characteristics in the stone tool industry which represent extinct cultural societies in time and space.

Because Dr. Swanson took a chance on an unknown and helped with my publications and films, Idaho State University has now aroused an international interest in this field which has subsequently required a more precise definition of lithic technology. It was also Dr. Swanson who conceived the idea of a summer lithic technology field school and I am proud to say the participants of this school are now compounding this knowledge by their teaching, writing and field work. As a result, several universities are now opening lithic laboratories and holding lithic technology classes - to name a few, Washington State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Columbia University, University of Hawaii, etc.

It is not just an honor to work with the department at Idaho State University but, indeed, a pleasure and I hope that our association will be a long and fruitful one.

With kindest personal regards,

Don E. Crabtree

cc-Dr. Earl Swanson

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