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Dear Bill:

Thanks for your recent letter and I am so glad that you liked the specimens. It is, indeed, a rare pleasure to find someone who recognizes and appreciates the nature of different kinds of obsidian. I am hoarding the obsidian from Ascension Island, however, I did send a specimen to a friend in Zurich and another to my friend, Francois Bordes in Bordeaux, France.

We are so sorry to hear of the illness in your family and do hope your mother is well by this time. You have our sympathy for, as you know, my wife is still slowly recovering from a bout with lung cancer. It has been a nightmare experience and I extend my sympathy and prayers to your father.

We have just returned from a trip to Washington State University where we held a four day symposium with Bordes from France and Bradley and Fremling from England. It was a great get-together. We then took a brief trip in our new V.V. Adventure camper to Astoria and then down the Oregon coast. Made a brief stop at Glass Butte to load up on obsidian - but it was very cold there.

Bill, my dictation leaves a lot to be desired and my tapes sound like I am a candidate for the happy farm - so I'll just write. At least with the typewriter I can use the back spacer and a lot of XXX's.

I will make this letter short for I have to leave in the morning for the University for a few days to select candidates for the summer field school in lithic technology. I do hope we make some good choices and get a good bunch of students this year.

With best wishes,

Don

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