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Mr. Donald Crabtree;  
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Dear Mr. Crabtree;

Claude Warren at Idaho State University tells me that you are joining their staff. This is good news and congratulations.

I got my Ph D last week, so now I'm free to get back to work, and a session of instruction with you is something to which I really look forward in connection with artifact analysis. Your illustrated letter was very helpful and I now can make small tools out of our refractory basalt, but still cannot make large ones and have difficulty controlling the detachment of primary flakes.

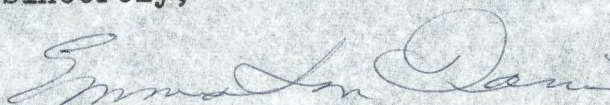
What would be the best time for me to come over? I believe you mentioned being very busy in the summer? Would fall be better? I shall be at Mesa Verde during July and could run up to Idaho (and also get in some fly fishing) on the way home. However, if summer is not convenient for you, I'd be only too happy to make a special trip during the autumn. Just let me know.

It is essential to my next project that I learn a few basic rudiments from an expert like yourself. Everyone has the highest praise for your work and your knowledge of knapping techniques.

I'll bring over some of the basalt, but if you think a beginner would learn more from a less difficult stone, then perhaps we can find some chalcedony or chert. I'd rather stay away from obsidian because this glass behaves very differently from the crystalline rocks.

I certainly look forward to meeting you at last,

sincerely,



Emma Lou Davis