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Dr. Emma Lou Davis
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Dear Davey:

Thanks for your letter of January 13th, but your proposition arrived at a bad time. I am trying to recover from a long bout with the flu, and still have some side effects of the miracle drugs. Now I'm snowed under with writing and completing a building contract I am involved in. I have hopes of being able to attend the meeting in Santa Fe in May if I can get caught up. Haven't had a minute of my own since last Spring. Am working with three graduate students now and still have much cataloging and photography work to do at Idaho State as well as trying to complete three papers and a terminology handbook. I do appreciate your invitation but, regretfully, must say no for now.

The experimental obsidian I have belongs to the University and the balance I have collected personally and it is mainly gemstone and too valuable to use for experiments. If you would like some obsidian, there is a wholesale dealer having a moving sale for thirty days only on rough gemstone. He has Mexican obsidian from \$28.00 for a hundred pounds to \$90.00 for a thousand pounds, which is considerable more reasonable than the dealers in Oregon, who charge fifty cents to a dollar a pound. The Mexican obsidian generally is without imperfections and stress because of the latitude in comparison to that found farther North. The dealer is Gem Center U.S.A., 4100 Alameda Ave., El Paso, Texas 79905.

Again, I am very sorry that we can't take you up on your offer.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree

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