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Dear Don;

I really need your help. Some very exciting and extensive Paleo-Indian stuff is popping around here, so here are some pertinent questions.....

Do you think that "Clovis" points were fluted by means of percussion while the classic Folsoms were fluted by pressure applied with a chest crutch? Or was pressure also used on the earlier and larger Clovis specimens of the Fluting Co-tradition? Or IS Clovis earlier. Fluting seems to have a pretty good time span...longer than Vance Haynes originally allowed it. It also is far more widespread. I think that western deserts may turn out to be one of the most productive areas for this sort of Paleo-Indian information.

We have applied for an NSF grant, but are ~~ALREADY~~^L at work in the field. Can you imagine an area in which Paleo-Indian materials have been preserved from pot-hunters by 25 years of U.S. Navy Classified protection? These sites are on bombing ranges where even the personnell of China Base do not get recreation passes issued to them.

Don, when the chips are finally down (about next June 14) and we have our first controlled collection....would you be interested in coming down for a 3 day appraisal and conference? Could you let me know right away when and where you could meet with about 40 characters down here.

How much Reserach Grant money should I apply for to cover your expenses and those of anyone else you suggest. How about Swanson? I find that you can get SMALL grants for highly specific projects much easier than large grants for broad projects. Shouldn't be this way, but that's how it runs.

If we can pull this whole project off...and I think the green lights are with us...would you be interested in participating in an analytical conference with about 20 participants next fall...a year from now??? I assure you, your participation will be amply paid off. Seems like the Nevada State Museum would gain a lot of prestige by coming in strong on the first analysis of Paleo-Indian materials which ties Nevada in with both California and the Great Basin.

Davey

~~Letter to:~~

~~Dear Mike;~~

~~Out here in the Desert Great Basin, we are waiting for some spee-out, last minute news~~