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Dear Don:

Thanks to your letter and a few others we have been able to modify the proposed House Bill Antiquities Act in a manner that I think is now acceptable. The entire article that would have outlawed experimental knapping and replication by casting was removed from the Bill. There were some other minor changes for the better- for instance the bill takes no jurisdiction over private property- only State owned land.

I know that you and Earl Swanson worked closely together and that you must have been saddened by his death. I did not know him personally- only through letters but I respected him greatly and admired his writings. I regretted that I could not take on the casting project that he wanted done several years ago but at that time I was working alone and was covered up with back orders in addition to my university work. Now fortunately by son's wife has gotten interested and has become very proficient in the work. She is doing all of our commercial casting including the series for the Denver Museum of Natural History. She would welcome the opportunity to expand the work so if anyone should inquire do not hesitate to refer them to us.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and continued success with your most important work.

Sincerely,



J. Allen Eichenberger