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Dear Don,

It seems impossible that summer is now really over and that all the lovely memories I have from Elberton, Washington & the flintknapping fieldschool are in fact now only warm thoughts to look back on. Didn't we have a good fieldschool this summer? I really loved it; learned so much; would never be able to replace the experience.

I count among the nicest experiences the chance to meet & get to know you a bit. Teachers have thousands of students who come into their lives & then fade into the sea of other eager faces. Ah, but the student always remembers the special teacher, & cherishes the learning, & focuses on the moments together. Encountering you for just one week is all that is necessary, to place you along side my handful of most favorite persons. Thank you for the flintknapping knowledge & the exposure to your bank of data wealth & your expertise, but most especially, thank you for enriching my life personally. When people touch your life you know you'll always be a better person for the exposure. I feel that way about Don Crabtree and feel very blessed to have had the chance to spend a few days with you. You are a warm, sensitive, loving man and you do give such special qualitative things to the people you meet.

We all loved your letter to everyone. Cooky brought it out just before our last bath at the river. We stood shivering in the wind in our bathing suits, saying how glad we all were that we'd heard from you before we split up & went our separate directions.

I returned to the U. of Chicago & told Prof. Braidwood that one day you might tow out here & include us on your midwestern leg to look

at flints. He was pleased at the possibility. So you must not forget us.

I spent a few weeks in Tennessee with my family, but now I'm en route Ann Arbor, Michigan to spend a year doing faunal research at their facilities.

I hope I'll be lucky enough to cross your path again. In the meantime I shall only make fantasies in my mind about adopting you permanently!

With respect & affection,
Mary Evans

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