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Dear Don:

I suppose it was inevitable that our last letters should cross; my letters usually do. In any case, the symposium at Miami was quite successful, and I had quite an enthusiastic audience. Naturally many people asked for you and Evelyn, but since I didn't know who was who, I have difficulty passing on the greetings. In any case, particular greetings and good wishes from Joel Shiner and wife of S. M. U.

I think the meetings will lead to a joint paper on wear with Ruth Tringham at Harvard who thinks she can tell all wear from accidental retouch. Bull feathers, say I, but we'll put her to the test. At least we may be able to say something about the limits of functional analysis.

In any case, Ed Wilmsen did not see the paper - and does not seem particularly receptive to the thought that Speth did not have the last word on flintworking mechanics. I wish I had the opportunity to get through to him, so that I could publish my dissertation in American Antiquity, but no such luck. Have you had any response from Müller-Beck? (I really don't expect that you do at this point, but thought I'd ask). Surely this would be a golden opportunity for research if it ever came through.

At this point, no word about employment; am still considering Athens, Ohio, but I don't know if they're still considering me. Also, I have just applied to the University of Maine at Presque Isle, Maine, because I'd like to work with David Sanger on surveying the Allagash. Anyway, I'll see you shortly at the rock knocking school.

As ever,



Ric

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P.S. Best wishes from Carl Phagan, Lucky Lewis-Johnson, Ruthann Knudson, and Irv Rovner.

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