



# ARKANSAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Dear Don,

I have moved to Fayetteville, Ark. and am a contract archaeologist for the Ark. Arch. Survey. Moving was a pain, but wife and son survived in fine shape. Josh is three months now and will be exposed to chipping soon.

I am writing to you to ask your advice and views on the matter of setting up a lithics lab. I have been talking to the Survey people and the Anthro. Dept. people about setting up a lithics lab for experimentation and analysis of lithic materials, and have received favorable feedback. The lab would be coordinated with the Survey and the Anthro. Dept. and would involve lithic analysis, flintknapping experiments, heat treatment experiments, and many other important aspects of lithic technology. The conclusions of these experiments would be published. Also, this lab would be a tool to teach archaeology students about lithics. Guest lecturers and demonstrators would fill out the missing parts to this project-- parts I can not personally fill. I feel I can run the lab effectively and teach basic courses in lithic technology. I need your help in expressing the need for such a lab. Your reputation is held in high regards here and your support of the lab and me would carry a lot of weight. I would not let you down. I know you are busy, however I would appreciate your advice and backing on the matter.

I have not heard anything about your school this year. Did it go well? Have you been working on any new techniques lately? Bill asked if I would send you a load of novaculite for the school. I did not get any novaculite until last week. If you want any novaculite, please let me know and I will send you a load.

Please say hi to Evelyn for me.

Your student,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'Jeff'.