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Dear Don,

I must say that the letter from you of Sept. 9 most certainly carried a lot of weight here. I can't express the appreciation of your backing, so I'll simply say thanks.

Many things have changed here in the past few weeks--let me bring you up to date. This lithics lab will be a jointly affiliated (Survey/Anthro. Dept.) laboratory, if the NSF grant is approved. I will teach part time and do lithic analysis. This lithic analysis will be oriented towards specific sites. In other words, I will do an experimental approach to the lithic analysis of such-in-such site. This experimentation will involve heat treatment, distribution of materials, flaking techniques, and wear patterns. So, I'll be doing experimental lithic technology as well as fulfilling a function for the Survey. Also, they (the people here) want me to teach a summer flaking school for our own graduate students. Don, your help and guidance would greatly be appreciated. Your willingness to be an associate to the lab was not taken lightly. This in itself will probably swing the whole project. I sincerely hope you were serious in making that statement. With your knowledge and me as your right hand, we can make this lab the best there is and will be for years to come. By best, I mean making more than a "token cosmetic contribution" to the field of lithic technology. Useful publications are the goals of this whole project. Time between specific site analysis will be spent in experimenting with more general kinds of lithic analysis. Your suggestions would be intergrated into the whole sceem of this lab.

Don, the few weeks I spent at your school were the most rewarding weeks of my life and would only be surpassed by working with you on a more permanent basis. Once again, your association with this lab would be most greatly appreciated. We are going to have a meeting the end of this week to discuss all of the possibilities. The big problem at this point is whether or not the NSF grant will be approved. The grant includes all kinds of equipment necessary to set up a well established lab.

This whole project is still in the planning stage, however, I would appreciate your stating the degree to which you would comment yourself to this project. The more, the better.

Your student,

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