

July 19

Dear Don & Evelyn,
Sorry I haven't written earlier about getting the money for you and Francois to come to 154. My major professor is very excited about you'll coming and is making arrangements for the honorarium. I'll write the middle of next week to let you know when we get the money. If anybody can squeeze money out of a turmp my professor can. As of now, it looks good.

As soon as I get back, I made two vises and two chest crutches and have been using them daily. I work on my thesis from 7:30 AM to 1:00 P.M., then chip for 2 hrs. then call it a day. I'm also been working on my parallel pressure flaking and occasionally get 10-12 in a series, but still have a long way to go.

My stone arrived in good shape yesterday, so my chipping will pick up tremendously.

I won't be able to come to Nebraska the 23rd due to thesis work. I have to run a dig in September & Oct. so that's valuable time for thesis work lost. So, I'm making every minute count this summer.

Of you know of any ethnographical sources of the use of grooved abrasives, I would appreciate you letting me know of them.

Oh, yes, I almost forgot. I having 10 polyhedral core blanks made this week. Hopefully I'll be able to replicate mesoamerican cores, if I take my time.

I bought a sling-shot and have been punching holes in lipoceres and chipping out the centers to make obsidian doughnuts for practice.

Thanks again for everything, Tom.
Enclosed is my letter to NSF.

Jeff