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Thank you for your letter, Don,

and for the much useful information it contains. I regret that you won't be able to come to El Paso but look forward to the time when we can spend some time together to discuss technology.--In fact, if you should have the opportunity to conduct a working seminar anytime soon I would appreciate the chance to attend. A week with hammerstones, flaking equipment and a truck load of flint--and your insight--would do a great deal for my understanding of stone technology and others might enjoy it also.

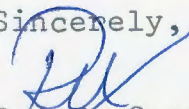
Your observations on the necessity for instructions in learning stone working encourages me tremendously as far as the possibilities of learning more about communications networks (and this usually means kin groups) from archaeological materials. If training is given only after males become "adults" we may have difficulty distinguishing between certain residence patterns, patrilocal and avunculocal, for example, but I certainly am not inclined to give up yet.

Your suggestion of the possibility of assembly-line production in Hohokam point manufacture would fit very nicely with what we usually expect of an irrigation-based society with evidence of class distinctions, pyramidal religious structures, and ball courts. One might even interpret the many pottery types as evidence of specialization within a craft.

Thank you for the invitation to the Great Basin Conference. Unfortunately it occurs near the end of our fiscal year and I have used up most of my travel funds.

I wish I had an assemblage of stone material to send you but most of the few specimens I am working with look more like the efforts of the Australian aborigine boys.

Sincerely,


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