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Dear Don:

I just wanted to drop you a note thanking you for wonderful experiences I had with you this summer. Being able to work with you in the Fieldschool situation is one of the most interesting and stimulating experiences I have had yet in archeology. I fully intend to continue working in flint chipping and I'm extremely impressed by the insight you have gained into prehistoric materials by approaching them as an experimentalist. Your unraveling of the Folsom manufacturing is absolutely fascinating.

We were all sorry about you injuring your back during the school but speaking for myself and the others we still learned a great deal just by being able to speak with you about what we were trying to accomplish. I also enjoyed meeting Evelyen and I didn't realize before that there were two lithic experts living under the Crabtree roof! I need to introduce my wife to yours!

Archeologists aren't known for passing out compliments to each other and those that do so are viewed with suspicion. But I must tell you now if no one has done so already that you are one of the few real giants in archeology. The kind of work you have done and your contributions to lithic studies are of immeasurable value.

I hope to continue to communicate with you in the future and look forward to seeing you in San Francisco for SAA.

Sincerely yours,



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