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Dear Dr. Swanson:

I should like to thank you and your staff for selecting me to attend the 1972 Flintworking School. I have a few comments that may be of help in the next Flintworking school if one is offered next summer.

First, it would be of great benefit to have a 30X microscope available for use right in the camp. Many times we would discuss wear damage or use patterns and microscopic damage created in the process of manufacture but there would be no way to examine it beyond the naked eye.

Secondly, though probably more difficult to provide because of travel expenses, would be the inviting of various people of known lithic expertise to visit the camp to knap and talk over ideas. I say this on the basis of being introduced to Guy Muto and Gene Titmus, contact which I found most stimulating and helpful. This in no way detracts from Don who is, in my opinion, the man to talk to about replicating artifacts, but only serves to emphasize the variety of ideas and perspectives to be gained from different craftsmen. I'm not suggesting that the school be turned into a conference for that is not its purpose, but brief visits by specially invited people could contribute to the seminar-like occasions that were created at times this past summer when Guy and Don would review assemblages together.

There is not too much more I can add to the above except to say that the idea of the Fieldschool is brilliantly conceived and stands out as one of most stimulating experiences I've had yet in archeology. I believe I realized many of my aforementioned goals during this school and it was a well spent 4 weeks for me. Everyone there felt the same way for himself too. Thanks also for the publications on soils from Tebiwa.

In closing, let me say that it was an honor to be able to attend the Fieldschool and a pleasure to become acquainted with Don Crabtree and you and your staff. Chris and Bill are to be commended for their hard-work in running the camp.

Sincerely yours,

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