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Dear Don:

Just a note to remind you that I still could use a letter of recommendation from you concerning my experiences with you in the summer fieldschool. Several schools have requested letters of recommendation and many are approaching final decisions about hiring. As I mentioned in my last letter, all you need to write is one general letter and mail it to our department chairman Dr. Charles R. Merbs. Merbs oversees my job placement file and he will Xerox your master letter each time a school wants a letter from you. This avoids writing 50 letters! I realize you are always busy and the holiday season has probably tripled your correspondence. I also hope that all is well with you and Evalyn.

The Department and Anthropology Club here at Arizona State has come up with sufficient funds to invite you down for a colloquium on flintworking. They asked me to write you and see if you are amenable to flying down for a couple of days and giving a talk and demonstration. I am teaching a class in lithic analysis for the department this coming spring and it would be perfect for the students to have you come down toward the end of the semester. By that time many of them would know enough about flintworking to ask some intelligent questions. We have obtained a fantastic supply of gray obsidian from a newly discovered source outside Flagstaff, Arizona which we are using in the class. There is also a fine-grained basalt which co-occurs in the same deposit which is just delightful to work. I'm certain we have the money to fly you down and take care of your expenses so the next question is do you think you could come down sometime this spring? Everyone here is excited about the prospect of your coming and I do hope you can break away for a couple of days and come. I sure we'll end up in a fine food and drink affair at the Ruppe's house!

While I think of it, I got to see the video film of you, Bordes, and Tixier when you all were here in 1969. The first hour and a half offers a good instructional film.

I do hope you can see your way clear to come down as it would be great fun and the class could get to see a true flintworker in action.

Let us know what your schedule is like and if you can come.

Sincerely yours,

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