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Dear Dave:

I received a call the other day from a man by the name of ^MW.C. ^mLefley, 1320 S. State, Kent, Washington. He says that he has a so-called "arrow-head maker" rock which was given to him by an old Indian near the mouth of the Weer (Wier?) Creek across from Lytton, B.C. many years ago. According to Mr. Lefley this rock had been in the possession of the Indian group for many years before that and dates back supposedly before the time of the whiteman. Mr. Lefley is a rock hound and says that the rock is made of a kind of silica carbide. That it is 14-16 inches long and about nine inches deep. It apparently has a depression in it, something in the nature of that of a mortar. It also has a couple of grooves. According to Mr. Lefley, the Indian had told him that the depression was used to hold water for dropping on hot stones in order to chip them to make arrow-heads. The grooves were apparently used for smoothing arrow-shafts.

Mr. Lefley considers this a very valuable property and since he is getting on in years feels that it should go back to British Columbia. He also feels, however, that he does not want to have it buried in the basement of a museum rather should go on display. I told him of your interest in the area and that I would write you. I also mentioned the interest of Don Crabtree and of ^{his interest in} anything to do with the chipping of stone materials. With the restrictions that Mr. Lefley puts on the proposed gift of the piece to an appropriate museum, I realize that it is much less attractive than it might be. He did say that he would be willing to send it to the National Museum of Canada if they would put it on display.

I told Mr. Lefley that I would ask you to write him and that I would also notify Don Crabtree in case he might be interested in knowing more about the piece as well. Please note also that I am sending a copy of this letter to Karl Borden in case he is interested.

With best good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Associate Professor

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cc: Mr. Don Crabtree ✓
Dr. Charles E. Borden

Greeting - it was good seeing you at South Sea.

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