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Dear Dick:

Thanks for your letter of Oct. 30th and your wishes for my good health. Got out of the hospital on Oct. 26th and have been doing well since. Still have a little trouble with the leg, but it is cleaning up nicely. Just received a letter from Francois and he said his sister-in-law had been in the hospital for the very same thing and it was touch and go with her but she is well now.

Things look good for my making the Dec. 4 -14 date if it is still open. However, I note you say this is not so good for the Bishop Museum staff, so perhaps you would rather make the demonstrations for January or February. I can agree with whatever plans and dates you find convenient. December or January are preferable for me, as I have some negotiating to do with GSA on the Forest Service Building in February. I note, too, that you say you can find us a hotel that wouldn't break the bank account and would certainly appreciate this, for we will probably stay longer than the dates you suggest so I can get around and see some of the other islands.

Junius called last night and said they had 5 inches of rain in New York and he has been up to their home in the North - wherever that is. He plans to go back to Panama and do some more digging in the cave. They are both well and going strong and it was so good to hear from him.

Had to give up the trip to London in October, but will still hope the invitation is good for March or April. Haven't written to Earl as yet and we don't hear much from him other than that he is very happy with his work there.

Thank you so much for the tape. Evelyn and I listened to it last night and it is beautiful and brought back such delightful memories of attending the service. I prize this recording very much. Also thanks for Archaeology of Point St. George Site. I am really lucky to get a copy as I thought it was out of print. Pat and Joe Ben Wheat are due in New York today from Sweden and will visit with Junius. Marie is still working hard on her book but, I think, changing publishers. She was so good to call Evelyn every night during my illness and wanted us in Denver for Christmas, but that's too much snow for me. She also sent a clipping from the Denver Post about the flintknapping of Jack Putnam of the Denver Museum. I am thrilled to see how far he has advanced. I gave him his first lessons ten years ago and let him take movies of the pressure and percussion work and now he is a master - even at fluting. A really grand person to know.

Please give our regards to Betsy and let me know about the December dates. Thanks again for everything and our regards to Dick Leiban.

With kindest personal regards,

Don and Evelyn

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