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Dear Don & Evelyn,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th. I am writing to you straight away to let you know that we are as ready as ever to have you come out during Dec. 4-14. Before we can issue you the air ticket we have to know your social security number, so please send this information to me as quickly as possible.

I am really delighted to know that you are feeling better and will be willing to make this trip. As soon as we have your social security no. we will purchase an open air ticket for you (round-trip, tourist class, between Twin Falls and Honolulu via Salt Lake City. This will be on United Airlines, since they have the best service between Hawaii and the mainland these days. I only wish we had the funds to pay Evelyn's fare, too. Betsy and I will be delighted to see you both here, and we'll get busy and find a nice place for you to stay. We will send you the ticket and allow you to make your own bookings as to the exact time and flights you will take. How would you like to come out on Dec. 7? That way I could meet you at the airport and get you settled. We would plan to have you stay in Honolulu for a week, and we want to give you a per diem of \$30.00 per day for that period (total of \$210.00) to help with expenses. We'll give you a check for this amount while you are here.

Actually, I think you are wise to both come out now. It's a good opportunity, and I know you will both like it. Let me give you a few tips about this trip:

1. The weather may be ok, but again it may not. Our winter weather tends to be very changeable, and it rains a lot (more than the tourist promoters will admit). You will just have to take your chances, but your chances are good. You will not need warm clothes much once you are here.

2. There is a special rate for people on round-trip tickets from the mainland which enable them to fly to Hilo (on the Big Island of Hawaii) on their way back for only \$9.00 more on their air-fare. This is a great bargain (you will save about \$50.00 by doing it this way), and, Don, this additional \$9.00 will be written into your ticket. So you would come to Honolulu on the 7th, stay for a week, then go on to the Big Island on Dec. 14 and stay there for as long as you like. Your air-ticket will be booked on the weekday rate (i.e. Mon. through Thursday), so you could stay there the whole weekend and return to the mainland either directly from Hilo or from Hilo via Honolulu at no extra cost.

Actually, I was going to suggest that you might want to visit the Big Island while you are here, since it has by far the most interesting scenery and archaeological remains in the islands. In fact, Betsy and I would like to fly out with you and perhaps show you around for a couple of days. Don, I'd like very much to have you see a volcanic eruption out there if possible, not to mention some spectacular sites I visited this summer. I'd have to fly back in time for my Monday classes, but you would be free to explore on your own as much as you like before you head back to Idaho.

3. There is a good, readable general guidebook to the Hawaiian Islands put out by Sunset magazine (one of their guide series). I recommend it highly -- there's an awful lot to see here, and this is a good way to be up on things before you arrive. I think the Sunset Guide to Hawaii costs about \$2.00, and it's well worth the money.

4. As for the stone-chipping demonstrations, we have a good supply here of that Mexican obsidian you know so well, and I have kept some pieces of that red obsidian handy, too, for just this occasion. You should have plenty of raw material. ~~for you~~ I am now trying to arrange a room here at UH with closed circuit TV for your larger demonstrations, and I will write an information statement for the press before you arrive (this will be handled through UH and the Bishop Museum). We have plenty of gloves, goggles, pressure-flakers (with copper wire), leather palm-pads, band-aids, and eager students. We do not have anything like your chest and shoulder crutches for pressure-flaking, so you would have to bring your own. I think we could whack together a vise-clamp if you want to do some polyhedral blade-making Mexican style. Please let me know if there is anything special that you will need that you cannot bring out with you, and I'll do my best to get it for you.

5. Bring your bathing suits and beach gear. Also, you might want to practice your chopstick technique a bit. I think you'll have a ball!

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The timing for this trip works out just fine for us here at UH and the Bishop Museum people, too. I checked again with Dr. Sinoto at the Bishop, and he is very eager to meet you and observe your demonstrations. In fact, there is great interest here in your work, and I think you will find lots of students and others who will be very keen to see you in action. I can only add that Betsy and I are both very eager to see you, too, and we are looking forward to your visit. I am pleased that you liked the tape-recordings I sent you and the Point St. George monograph. That, by the way, was incorrectly listed by the UC Press as out of print -- I checked there on my way back last summer and found that they still had 600 copies. Some boob assumed it was out of print, hence the confusion. Please give our best to Junius when you hear from him again, and let me know if you have any questions about the trip.

All the best,

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