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Dear Don,

Many thanks for your letter of April 21. I apologize for not having written sooner, but I have been back and forth to the mainland a lot lately. It's the end of semester and I'm hopelessly behind on my correspondence, on reading exams and dissertations, etc. Do you think a large bottle of GERITOL might help? I was very sorry to learn all the bad news. I had just heard about Earl when your letter reached me, but I didn't know about your cameraman or about Scotty. This has been a bad year for archaeologists.

I didn't make it to Dallas, mainly because I had work to do elsewhere. It's interesting work, though. I am working as a consultant to the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, to help them plan their new \$5.5 million Wattis Hall of Man. It's exciting work, and we are making good progress. The earlier work we did together in planning the "Crabtree Show" at the A.M.N.H. is proving very useful now. Pat McCoy has got his NSF grant and will be working up at Mauna Kea this summer on the adze quarry -- I am acting as a consultant there, too, and will be up there for a couple of weeks in July. Next Spring semester we plan to have a lithic lab course again here at UH, and we will plan to do some replicative experiments on Mauna Kea basalt then. Can you suggest any additional places I might try for workable obsidian (approx. 1 ton)? Gem Center and the other El Paso firms can't help, and I thought I might dry digging up some myself up at the Napa Valley quarry near Mt. St. Helena (I'll be in the S.F. Bay area in late July and August to work at the Calif. Academy, and I thought I'd try to get some obsidian then and also make a trip up to Smith River again for a visit). Incidentally, thank you for helping out with Kim Akerman's request. He is keen but untrained -- he has done some useful observations in the Kimberley District of Western Australia -- and I hope one day we can steer him toward some graduate work in anthro.

Our trip last summer to Australia was a resounding success, and we are well into the analysis now. It looks as if we have a Pleistocene-age component at the site underlying our later material, which means that we might have the earliest site so far found in the Australian desert. There's a lot to do, though, before I can make any positive statements about it.

Betsy continues to enjoy her work at the East-West Center, and her CENSUS NEWSLETTER is much in demand. She has just returned from a demography conference in Seattle where she read a paper about her NEWSLETTER. We have recently bought a condominium out in Kuliouou, about 8 miles from the UH campus. This is a horizontal condominium, not the high-rise kind (which we can't stand). It's right on the shore overlooking a really beautiful lagoon which is also a bird sanctuary. We really like it -- we have been living there for about a month, and it's a complete change from our earlier apartment. The job market is so lousy now that I feel it's a waste of time to look around. So I shall plan to stay at UH for a while anyway, though not necessarily for all time. I do appreciate your suggestions about job prospects, even though they haven't developed into anything. I saw Junius and Peggy in N.Y. about 2 weeks ago. They are fine, although the A.M.N.H. isn't, I am sorry to say. Things seemed rather sour around the Department, and Junius couldn't wait to take off for Panama. The Department there used to be a happier place, but all things must change, I suppose. Actually, things aren't

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so great in a lot of places right now. We have problems here at UH, but, all in all, I think I prefer our problems to the ones I saw and heard about on the mainland.

I saw Ruth Tringham at Harvard a couple of weeks ago, too, and she showed me some of the work they are into there on microwear -- good stuff. I also spoke with John Speth several times, and I think his research interests are broadening considerably (and for the better). It's interesting how people interested in lithics have had a tendency to "think small" -- that is, to become deeply involved with minute problems having to do with the raw materials, specific techniques, etc. I can see where this can be useful, but it doesn't seem much like anthropology a lot of the time. There are great dangers in the study of lithics, it seems to me, if one has a tendency toward pedantry. Anyway, I count on people like you to keep the "rock busters" focussed on questions of human behavior rather than mineralogy or physics.

Best wishes to Evelyn.

Cheers,

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