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Dear Don,

I hope this letter finds you and Evelyn in good health. You will be pleased to know that the lithics class here continues, with great success. Some of our students are becoming quite skilled, and the experiments they are designing and carrying out are first-rate. Three of these students have recently submitted their results for publication in the NEWSLETTER OF LITHIC TECHNOLOGY. We also continue to make good use of that video-tape of the toolmaking demonstration you gave here in 1972.

I am writing to you specifically about one of our graduate students, Mr. Paul Cleghorn. Paul is an exceptionally fine scholar and an extremely personable individual, and he has expressed a strong desire to meet you and, if you would be willing to take some time to teach him, to improve his flintworking skills and learn more about your research. I know that you and Evelyn have both had more than your share of hard times in terms of health, and hope you will feel free to refuse if you feel this is inconvenient. But I would like to know if it would be possible for Paul to come to Kimberly to visit you for, say, a couple of weeks. This would, of course, be entirely at your convenience. Paul wants very much to meet you, and he is prepared to travel from Hawaii to Idaho at his own expense to do this. I have a very high personal regard for Paul, and I think he has real promise as a scholar and a keen interest in lithic technology. He could very well turn out to be one of the best students you have ever had.

Paul has taken my lithics course here at UH, and he has been the field supervisor for the last two summer field seasons on Pat McCoy's big project at the Mauna Kea Adze Quarry on the big island. I have spent three weeks, on and off, up there on the project myself, so I have had plenty of opportunities to watch Paul in action. I can only say that he has a personal ability to bring out the best in fieldworkers that is rare, to say the least. He is presently carrying out a series of adze-making experiments on Mauna Kea basalt that will be an important part of the final report on the site. He has a long association with the Bishop Museum and is highly thought of around there. So Paul already has experience with lithic raw materials and with experimental approaches, but I think that Pat McCoy and I have probably taught him all we know in this area.

Would it be possible for Paul to visit you in Kimberly? If so, when would be most convenient for you, and how long do you think he should stay? Paul is quite willing to stay in a motel or somewhere else where he will not be in your way, and he would be glad to hear any suggestions you might have on that.

I think Paul would benefit tremendously from meeting you and learning about lithics from you. And I think you will enjoy getting to know him. Please let me know if you have any questions about this suggestion or about Paul.

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Sincerely,

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