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Dear Don,

Betsy and I just received a letter from Junius telling us that Evelyn died not long ago. We have thought of you and Evelyn often and were greatly saddened by this news. I count it a rare privilege to have known her -- what a fine person she was! I am very glad that we were all able to have that wonderful visit together here in Hawaii a few years ago. We will miss her, too.

Junius tells us that you may have to go to the hospital soon, and I hope whatever ails you clears up fast. This is one of those times when I wish we didn't live so far away from our friends -- Junius and I could come over and fix you up a pot of his dandelion greens! Ughh!

Pat McCoy (at the Bishop Museum) and I are putting the finishing touches on an article about the Mamma Kea Adze Quarry for Natural History magazine. I shall send you a copy when it comes out -- you will find much in it that is familiar to you. We think the technological approach to lithics that you have pioneered will change the character of Pacific prehistory, and the Mamma Kea material offers an elegant demonstration of this. Pat has run the project for the last two summers and has done a really fine job on it. He is very impressed with your approach and has applied it to good effect on this field project -- in some ways this may be the most comprehensive and convincing archaeological example of the value of experimental approaches to lithics yet tried. We will undoubtedly be consulting you for advice as the analysis

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proceeds, and I hope you won't mind looking over our stuff and criticizing it. We'd sure appreciate your advice.

Meanwhile the work here goes on pretty much as before. Betsy continues to enjoy her work at the East-West Center, and I am getting some writing done again now that I have stepped down from the exalted position of Graduate Chairman in our Department. Next year is my sabbatical, and Betsy and I are making plans to spend some time in Australia, England, and - of all places - Finland. I want to look into the possibility of eventually doing an ethnoarchaeological study of farming under marginal conditions, and I am hoping Finland will be a suitable place to do this. It will be quite a contrast to Hawaii!

Take care of yourself, Don, and say hi to Jimmie for us if he should call.

Chers,  
Dick