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Dear Don,

I wondered if I could impose upon you for another letter of recommendation. May I give your name to Brown University as a possible referee for the senior position they recently announced in the ANTHROPOLOGY NEWSLETTER (see attached)? I have had encouraging noises from Doug Anderson about this and feel that I really should apply.

80-860 BROWN UNIVERSITY, Department of Anthropology, invites applicants for an appointment to a senior position beginning either Sept 1980 or Sept 1981. Primary research and teaching interests should be in archeological method and theory in any of the following fields: ethnoarcheology, historical archeology, experimental archeology or environmental archeology. Regional specialization is open. Send a curriculum vita to George L Hicks, Chair, Dept of Anth, Brown U, Box 1921, Providence, RI 02912. EOE/AEE.

As you can see, one of the specialties they are interested in is experimental archaeology, and I thought that a few informed words from you about this might help my case. I certainly appreciated your help in connection with my ACLS application for a travel grant to attend the Pacific Sciences Congress in Khabarovsk, and I hope this new request is not an imposition. If you are willing to act as a referee, the Dept. of Anthropology at Brown will contact you directly.

You are probably wondering what happened at Khabarovsk. Well, I'm afraid I don't really know, since I didn't get to go. I did receive a grant of \$565 from the ACLS, which I appreciated (and certainly I think your recommendation helped there). But my request for an additional \$430 from the University of Hawaii to cover the air-fare was turned down, so I just could not afford to make the trip. As far as I can tell, no other Americans were able to make the trip, and even Foss Leach, the organizer of the Lithics Symposium, had to cancel out due to lack of funds! So I'm not even sure there was a symposium on lithics. The Russians were charging \$60 per night for hotel accommodations for each person in Khabarovsk (not including meals), which was a bit much, coming as it did on top of the very high air-fares and registration costs. Nuts to that! So I turned down the ACLS grant with my thanks and turned my attention to other things. Mike Schiffer and I have a contract now with Academic Press and are forging ahead with the modern material culture book, which we will probably be titled THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF US. Among other things, this will contain a short paper by me on Fred Avery, the last of the Brandon flintknappers, as well as a paper by Bob Heizer (the last one he wrote before he died) and Tom Hester on contemporary Egyptian alabaster carvers and another one by Desmond Clark and Hiro Kurashina on obsidian scrapers used by modern day Ethiopian leather workers.

Cheers,

Dick

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