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Dear Dr. Hieb:

Thank you for your letter of July 29th regarding application of Jeff Flenniken for admission to your graduate program. I am happy to have this opportunity to recommend such a fine student to your university.

Jeff was a student at our lithic technology field school and since then we have corresponded and collaborated on technical matters and papers. I find Jeff well versed in lithic technology and typeology as well as all phases of archaeology. For years I have searched for someone to carry on my work in the yet unexplored field of lithic technology and finally found Jeff who has the talent, artistry, know-how, enthusiasm and dedication needed for this type of research and experiment. I not only recommend him for your graduate program but think the university would be well advised to secure his services on a permanent basis. His enthusiasm and quest for knowledge of lithic technology would qualify him for supervising the lithic lab and, given the time, he will make your university world famous as the lithic technology center of this continent.

I have already told Dr. Daugherty and Jeff Flenniken that I will cooperate at all time in any way they need my services and will work with Jeff on a consultant basis for teaching, experimenting, etc. whenever he needs me. We also have plans for a joint paper on the technological traits of flakes and blades. I might also suggest that your university apply to N.S.F. for funds to hold a summer field school in lithic technology. I am no longer going to hold these schools and still have hundreds of requests from all over the nation, Canada and even Japan for application to such a school. I have also told Dr. Daugherty and Jeff that I will participate in such a school if they need my services.

I cannot recommend this young man highly enough and know that he will be a great asset to your department. Selfishly, I want Jeff at W.S.U. where we can get together and I can turn my records over to him and have him carry on the work I have dedicated my life to. There is still so much to be done in this field and I feel Jeff is the only man with the talent, knowledge, enthusiasm and determination to carry out this program and thereby benefit all of anthropology.

Sincerely,

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