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Dear Dr. Crabtree;

For the past two years and a half I have been working at the Calico dig near Barstow in California and tried to pay as much attention to it as possible. I have now made anthropology my life with a goal of trying to prove an idea of mine that man has been in North America for at least 300,000 years. Quite radical, and I know it is. But to get to the subject of this letter.

In about the last month of my first year of college at Long Beach State plans for my summer seemed wide open. At this time Dee Simpson at San Bernardino County Museum and Walt and Marge Wade told me of a great opprotunity to have a chance to meet and work with you. They said that you were going to have a summer program or class on flaking. Right then my plans were to fly up to Idaho and try to meet you and learn as much as possible about methods of flaking and the results. Then on the way back I was to do some flaking for the Calico dig to determine the cause of a very strange occurrence we have been coming up with. We're getting "soft-hammer flakes (with a lip at the striking platform) when using a rock hammerstone! We think it is the result of a light blow at a specific angle. Marge Wade is going over the specimens collected so far to check out this angle bit. It also varies with the worker.

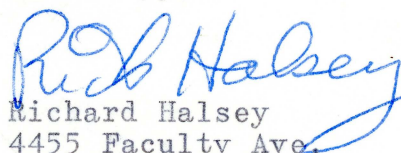
Anyway with being able to work with you, I could probably do

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some very skilled flaking to solve our problem. As it worked out I never could get enough money together to afford the trip. I was very disappointed about the whole thing.

School is starting again soon, so I thought I might drop you a line telling you what has happened. I still have a week or two before I return to school so I will be working at my dig near Santa Barbara and putting together my notes. I'll get a little anthropology in even if I didn't have the honor of meeting and working with you.

Sincerely,



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P.S. If you have the time, see if you can find a reason for the flakes we are coming up with.