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Dear Vance:

How nice to hear from you and what an exciting season you are having at Murray Springs. How I would love to be in on one of the digs - but the heat there is just too severe for me.

If you do plan to come to Idaho this year - and we certainly hope you do - I hope you can make it before the school closes, or at least when Swanson is on the Blue Lakes Dig; which I believe is from about the 1st of August to the 12th. We would all love to have you and, of course, the trailer is waiting for you.

Yes, I still have the shotgun, but it is my own particular form of blackmail. Evelyn sold all her purple glass, but immediately collected some more - so have another pair of the candlesticks.

Bert Perrine (owner of the land) found another base of a Clovis point at Blue lakes and we are really looking forward to the excavation - even though it may be limited this year. Tixier, Bird and Gould - as well as Francois - have visited the site and all think it has possibilities. Wish we could strike it rich as you did.

The school is going fine and I am delighted at the way the students have learned the art of flintknapping. Each seems to have his own specialty and this is good for it will help them in their work. Lucy Lewis from Columbia is really outstanding and is doing equally well at pressure and percussion. Now we know that women could do this stuff. Believe her doctorate thesis will be on this. Jeff Mauger from Pullman is also tops. He is right now specializing in blades, as he plans to work in the Arctic. Yesterday he took off a 12" one - better than Francois, Gene, Tixier or myself have ever done. But you should see the size of this man - a real giant. I hope I can work more with this boy from time to time, as he is really promising. Paul Sneed, who will be with Karl Borden next year is specializing in pressure and has really learned control in just two weeks. Barbara Purdy from Gainseville is doing remarkably well in percussion but having some trouble with pressure - but this will come before the school is over. All in all we have a fine bunch of students and I am more than happy with their progress. Their interest and enthusiasm is contagious and they all say this will help their typeology. Hope in the future we can get more students going like this.

Please give our regards to Taffy and Lisa and do hope you can make it here before August the 5th, which will be the closing date of the school.

Sincerely,

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