

Dear

Mr Crabtree

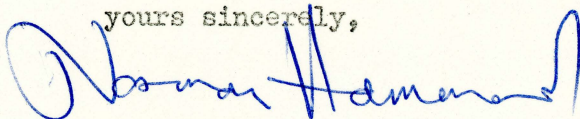
I send the enclosed circular to you as an 'invited participant' for this symposium, i.e. you have been invited to attend by a previous letter; unfortunately I have either had no reply or no definite reply from you.

So that we can get accommodation etc. arranged could you please let me know by return (a) whether you wish to come to the meeting and (b) if so, your answers to the other questions I have asked all participants. I very much hope that you will want and be able to come - you were specifically invited to this small group meeting because I felt that you had an important contribution to make to the subjects we shall be discussing. I am aware that you must receive numerous similar invitations, (some of which offer to pay your fare and board, and am sorry that we cannot do so in this case) but hope that you will give this invitation serious consideration and an early reply.

Those definitely attending at present are: Tom Hester, Dick Adams, Gordon Willey, Irwin Rovner, Rick Wilk, Ray Sidrys, Payson Sheets, Harry Shafer, Joseph Michels, Tom Lee, Hattula Moholy-Nagy, Jay Johnson, Norman Hammond, Duncan Pring. You are one of four for whom I have no definite acceptance or rejection of the invitation.

I look forward to hearing from you,

yours sincerely,



Norman Hammond

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Field Symposium on Maya Lithic Technology and Production Processes, Belize, Easter 1976.

To all invited participants:

From: Norman Hammond

Since 1976 is nearly upon us and the meeting will be held in less than 4 months time I thought it was time that we firmed things up, insofar as an informal meeting like this one needs firming. The principal information I need from each of you is (a) an indication of the topic your paper will be covering - lithics of a particular site or region, or a general problem, or a theoretical discussion - or notice that although attending you will not present a paper as such; this information I need so as to arrange the timetable in the most sensible manner (b) an indication of whether you regard a slide projector and screen as essential for your paper - whereupon we will schedule you for after dark! - and whether you will be bringing lithic materials for demonstration purposes; this latter is so that I can inform the Archaeology Dept. that people will be bringing antiquities into Belize, and avoid any problems when you leave (c) whether you will be arriving on TA 111 from New Orleans at 10.20 am or TX 773 from Miami at 07.00 am on Friday April 16th; please check exact flight times when booking tickets in case they change!

Please let me have answers to (a)-(c) as quickly as possible

One minor problem that has arisen is that the Corozal Project headquarters will be in use by its owners, Belize Sugar Industries Ltd., and the Project staff will therefore be in a bush camp on site at Cuello. I therefore propose to book everybody into the Hotel Nuevo mi Amor in Orange Walk Town, 3 miles from the original venue, and to hold the indoor sessions there; you will therefore be spending 4 nights in the hotel, and if the funds generously provided to support subsistence and local transport at the meeting by UTSA run dry you may be asked to make up the bill yourself. The Nuevo mi Amor is not the Hilton, however, and even full payment would not be onerous; it does have air-conditioning and hot water, and a pleasant bar. Any of you who were counting literally on the free accommodation and food are welcome to share a hut at the field camp; bring a hammock or camp bed! My apologies for this unforeseen alteration in plan, which will however make no practical difference.

Since no amendments to the programme I suggested in my July 25th letter have been forthcoming things will go ahead as follows:

Friday 16th: Arrive Belize Airport, drive to Orange Walk Town for lunch and swim.

Papers on general problems: why lithic studies are important, etc. Followed by papers dealing with specific assemblages. Supper, discussion and drinks.

Saturday 17th: Leave after breakfast for Colha axe-factories (17 miles). Examine site, collect samples for analysis; lunch and discussion at Colha, returning to OW late afternoon and stopping at the smaller Kichpanha factory site if possible.

Sunday 18th: Continued specific-assemblage papers, followed by synoptic papers. Late afternoon visit to ceremonial centre of Nohmul and also Aventura and Santa Rita if possible; an alternative would be a whole-afternoon trip to Cerros, the major site recently established as almost purely Late Formative in date. During either of these informal discussion would continue unabated!

Monday 19th: Morning visit to excavations at Cuello, near O.W., from which Early Formative occupations have been recovered at 1000-2000 bc; examination of site lithics (if any). Late morning and afternoon, remaining papers, and/or another visit to the Colha axe-factories. Evening discussion about a unified approach to lithic problems in the Maya area, identification of major lacunae and avenues for immediate research; also about whether the symposium papers and discussions should be published in any collective form.

Tuesday 20th: Early morning departure for Belmopan, dropping passengers for TA 310 to Miami en route; examine national collection of antiquities. Return to Belize City for lunch, departure from airport (\$2 tax) on TX 776 @ 16.40 to Miami or TA 110 @ 17.40 to New Orleans; these arrive at 20.30 and 20.45 respectively for onward connection. A draft programme will be sent out when I have your provisional titles.

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Field Symposium on Maya Lithic Technology and Production Processes. Belize, 1976.

To all invited participants:

I have now heard from almost all of you; the positive response and date preferences given indicate that we should hold the meeting over the Easter weekend, April 16-20 1976.

As a tentative schedule I suggest that participants arrange to fly to Belize on the morning of Friday 16th April:

New Orleans: TA 111 at 09.15, arrive Belize 10.20  
Miami: TX 773 at 07.00, arrive Belize 07.00 ( 2 hrs time change)

Both these flights will be met, and we shall all assemble at Tower Hill for lunch. The afternoon and evening of the 16th will be devoted to contributed papers; those making general surveys or outlining problems will be read first, with papers on specific regional or site lithics following on subsequent days.

Saturday 17th will be spent out at the Colha axe-factories examining the workshop sites and collecting analytical samples (by kind permission of the landowners, John and Herbert Masson), with alfresco lunch and discussion. We shall also examine the smaller factory site of Kichpanha if time permits.

Sunday 18th will be devoted to further papers and discussion at Tower Hill. On Monday 19th there will be a morning visit to the British Museum/Cambridge University excavations at Nohmul and to other sites in the vicinity, and the afternoon will be used for either remaining papers or another visit to Colha.

Tuesday 20th there are morning and afternoon flights to Miami and an afternoon flight to New Orleans:

Belize: TALL0 at 17.40, arrive New Orleans 20.45  
" : TA310 at 10.40, arrive Miami 14.40  
" : TX776 at 16.40, arrive Miami 20.30

On the assumption that most participants will take an afternoon flight, we shall all drive early a.m. to Belize City, dropping anybody who has to take TA 310. It should be possible to fit in a visit to the new capital, Belmopan, to examine the national collection of antiquities, and to return to Belize City for a late lunch. We shall endeavour to have the Altun Ha jade head made available for examination at the bank vault before driving to the airport.

May I emphasise that this programme is tentative: if you want to add, subtract or change anything, now is the time to suggest it. We could, for instance, bring the schedule back or forward a day, and/or cut the meeting by a day if you feel like it.

Norman Hammond

Please note the address which will be used henceforth; I hope Tom Hester will perhaps coordinate flight plans for US participants through the C.A.R. at U.T.S.A.

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