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Dear Don:

I have received your letter of May 15, with your very helpful comments on the Santa Cruz blades...and with the interesting group of blades, etc. of the heat-treated Arkansas novaculite. Would you like your specimens returned to you, or may we keep them here for student instruction? A friend of mine, J. B. Sollberger (Dallas) uses a lot of the Arkansas novaculite for heat-treating and flaking. I think you read one of his recent manuscripts submitted to Wilmsen. I'm afraid Sollberger can't write very well, and thus has difficulty in making his views clear. However, I think he is doing some interesting experimental work.

I suppose that Dr. Swanson has by now shown you my recent reply to him. Because of contract obligations, Dr. Heizer and I were not able to include you as a co-author in our bibliographic compilation (which includes replicative experiments and petrography, in addition to lithic technology). And, since we could not do this, we felt it would be better if we didn't use the 60 or so references in your bibliography which we didn't have. In other words, we didn't want to "rip you off" (to use local Berkeleyan slang)...we didn't want to take unfair advantage of the hard work you had done. I hope you will understand. Since you have done so much bibliographic work, perhaps you would want to issue a "supplementary" bibliography there at ISU...this would include bibliographic references which we missed, and might also include references for various categories not covered by us.

As soon as the typists finish correcting our printer's copy of the new bibliography, we will send you a copy.

Ruthann wrote that there would be another Lithic newsletter this month, but haven't seen one yet. I hope they are going to be able to continue with that very useful project.

Haven't had a chance yet to write Irwin Rovner, but intend to before the week is out! Right now, I am trying to negotiate the shipment of a very large number of obsidian cores and other artifacts found in a cache near Morelia, Michoacan. Now they're in Arkansas, but the owner has agreed to let me study them. We are also preparing for publication three short papers on trace element analysis (source determination) of obsidian samples from Cholula, northern Veracruz, and Seibal (in the Peten).

Best regards,

Tom

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