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Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th. I am awfully sorry to hear of your recent bad luck...and I certainly hope you are feeling much better. Take it easy.

I appreciate your willingness to deliver a paper at the core-blade technology symposium which I am organizing. Jerry Epstein has also written of his willingness to participate...he will talk about his studies of Aztec core-blade materials. I still need to hear from several other persons who I have invited. Abstracts of the proposed symposium are supposed to be in to the program chairman by Dec. 15. However, I realize you don't feel up to writing an abstract, so I will simply tell the program chairman that you will participate and will give him a general outline of your paper (as indicated in your letter).

The revised/enlarged bibliography (lithics, experiments, petrography) is now "in press" back in Massachusetts. I have asked them to send you a complimentary copy whenever it is printed; if they don't, I'll sure send one to you! You do have a copy or two of the "old" bibliography, don't you?

I am now studying a very large obsidian collection from southern Michoacan. You wouldn't believe the series of cores in this collection. I plan to talk on this at the SAA meeting. When you feel like, I would be interested to learn more of the find of unbroken blades on the West Mexican coast.

I certainly hope things improve rapidly.

Very best regards,

Tom Hester