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Dear Don:

Your recent letter has been forwarded to me here at Berkeley, where I am serving as a Visiting Professor for the Fall Quarter. I'll be returning to San Antonio in mid-December.

I was very glad to hear from you...but was awfully sorry to hear of the health problems that you and your wife have been having these past few months. I certainly hope that the both of you are feeling better. Thanks for the kind words about the Belize conference; its success, I think, was simply a reflection of the interesting and enthusiastic people that attended!

I am polishing off the final portions of the volume of papers resulting from the conference. The publication should be out by December or so. We had hoped to get it out earlier, but some papers were late in arriving (in their final form), and --most importantly--we had to wait until Sept. 1 and the new fiscal year for the University in order to get the kind of funds needed to do a good printing job.

Harry Shafer, Norman, Rick Wilk and I are still hoping to get some work going at Colha in the spring-summer 1977. Over the next few weeks we will be putting together a grant proposal to NSF. I am very glad to have your comments on the site, and hope it will be o.k. with you if we quote you rather liberally in the grant proposal!

You will probably remember Joseph Palacios, the Belize Archaeological Commissioner whom we met at Altun Ha, and who later came up to Orange Walk to attend the opening part of the conference. Well, he is here at Berkeley this year, on a leave of absence from his post in Belize. He tells me he is tired of "stones and bones", and is pursuing graduate work in his original field, social anthropology.

Again, I hope that you and Evelyn are doing better. Please give her my greetings and very best wishes.

With warmest regards,

Thomas R. Hester

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