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Mr. Don Crabtree Route 1 Kimberley, Idaho

Dear Don,

In 1972, Eastern New Mexico University will initiate a major new research program in Southwestern archaeology, focused on the Chaco Puebloan occupation of the San Juan Valley of northwestern New Mexico. We will be specifically working on the excavation of a large Chacoan pueblo, not far from Aztec National Monument. The citizens of San Juan County have given us phenomenal support and have funded the construction of a very nice research center-laboratory near the site. Anyway, it all looks like we are going to be operating there on a considerable scale for the next few years. In fact, since we will be operating out of Farmington and the research center, I don't know if I'll be able to stand all that civilization.

Which brings me to the point. Is there any possibility of enticing you and Evelyn to visit us for about a week this summer? For a change we are reasonably well funded, and can give you some sort of decent 'consultant fee'. There are medical facilities in Farmington and Durango, and, of course, Lovelace Clinic (which I think has an excellent national reputation) is here in Albuquerque, about 3 hours away. Anyway, Evelyn wouldn't have to traipse into the boondocks, since the site and research center are right on the highway.

What I would like to do is have you work with the people doing our lithic analysis (3 or 4) and maybe give one of your femous demonstrations to the rest of the student participants (about 50). Anyway, let me know if you think you can make it. We'll be on the project from June 21 - August 21.

Meanwhile, I'm looking for someone to head up the lithic laboratory. If you can recommend anyone from your summer flint-knapping courses, I would much appreciate it. Do you have a list of participants in the last couple of years?

Give my best to Evelyn. Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Cvnthia Irwin-Williams

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