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Dear Don & Evelyn -

Here I sit in my study - having just finished my lunch, I am taking a break to write to you before returning to Emperaire & Hamming's report on the sites of Englefield & Vivien in southern South America. I hope this letter finds you in reasonably good shape & improving - I was distressed to hear of Evelyn's remission and do hope that it has been stopped again!

So, what am I doing reading about Tierra del Fuego? Well, this summer I was having lunch with a geologist friend & in discussing her research in Tierra del Fuego, she mentioned that she did not have good dating control over the movements of faults during the Recent epoch. So I, getting a brilliant idea, asked whether there were any archaeological sites in the vicinity of her faults. She said no, went back to eating - so much for brilliant ideas... Then she looked up and said: "There are shell middens, though." So I now have grant applications in to The National Geographic Society & to The American Philosophical Society proposing a preliminary survey in December, during my Christmas vacation. I should hear from them by the middle of October. Meanwhile, I spent most of the second 1/2 of my summer vacation in the AMNH, looking over Junius's field notes from his work in the area in the 30s and talking to him about the project (he is very enthusiastic). From now until I leave, I'll spend those days that I don't have to go to Vassar at the Museum looking at collections - today I'm trying to finish reading, or re-reading after 10 years, those few reports which have been published on the area.

Tracy & I took our first vacation in three years this summer, going to my mother's place on the end of Long Island for two weeks. We had a glorious time, swimming, sailing, canoeing, playing tennis, and didn't think one

serious thought the whole time we were there. We have come to the conclusion that a vacation is a very nice thing & we're going to try to take one every year - what a novel idea! After a year and a summer in our very own house we are as pleased with it as ever. We have gotten totally carried away with plants & have over 100 pots of them growing in the house - it takes 1/2 hour to water them all! We have also been beautifying the outside of the house with Rhododendron, Mountain laurel & Azelias. Our vegetable garden has been something of a fiasco - vegies don't do very well in the shade. We have piles of green tomatoes, and although the squash have been blooming for over a month, they're only now beginning to set fruit - oh well, we should get at least one squash, one or two red tomatoes, and the cucumbers are doing well.

Ari & I are well underway in planning a "KNAP-IN" for all of the New York area knappers we know to be held at Ari's house in October. It turns out that there are about 8 of us - most from "The Craktree School," some with "non-Craktree" backgrounds so it should be great fun! We are planning nothing formal, just to get together and break stones & hope that we mutually inspire each other. I'll write after it's over & let you know what happens.

Much love to you both! I once again do hope that you're feeling well and getting better. Take good care of each other -

Much love,

Lucy 