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Dear Lucy:

Sorry about the tardy reply to your letter of August 7th, but, as you know, trouble has been dogging us and we have hardly been home to catch up on correspondence. Cyie's lung cancer is all better, but two weeks ago we went to Salt Lake City for a check-up, and found she had it in the shoulders and arm bones of both sides. So had to stay and take more cobalt treatments and they have now put her on chemotherapy. We can only hope and pray that she will respond to these shots. It really has been a tragic summer for us and the only bright spot was the knapping field school. Am so delighted with the students for they were so interested and so very quick to learn. Guess you know we had Karen Stockman, Irwin Kovner and Karl Phagen. All really great. I am so very happy that the students of both schools have continued to carry on the work and contribute. Hope this will continue for, as you know, it is a wide-open field needing more contributors. Francois Bondes was here with us during the school so the students got the benefit of two days of his instructions. Lucky students. Francois will be in Montreal until Nov. 1st and I do wish, if it is not too far, that you could go up there and spend sometime with him. He has so much to give and I have told him about you.

You don't know it, but you have contributed this year. Swanson was applying for more money for next years school so we could have more students and some return graduates to help teach. He thought your letter from Chile describing what the school had taught you about evaluating cores, flakes and tools so interesting that he had a xerox copy made and sent it to Leiban. As you say, it is know the actual knapping experience, but what one learns from it in relation to typeology. I am so very proud of all of you. Barbara continues to contribute in the thermal treatment experiments and is turning out some really fine papers. Paul and Jeff, of course, are doing their thing instructing at their universities and this years students will also make some contributions. Hope we can have some of you back next year.

This year, I discovered a new bladmaking technique which produces blades with very minute platforms and very straight. They look like punch blades, but are not. Francois was very impressed and learned the technique. One keeps learning. Had to give up on attending the international congress at Manix site, due to Cyie's health. Would really like to have gone, for attendants will come from all over the world. Also would have enjoyed another visit and argument with Leakey. Believe Francois will attend if they provide his expenses.

Please give our very best to Lanning and Soleki and hope, if the health problem, improves that someday we can return to New York. Had some nice letters from Dick Gould and we will do a joint paper. Am now in the process of finishing a paper on technological traits and one on flake analysis which are both time consuming - as you can well imagine.

Please give our love to Tracy and do let us hear from you when you have the time.

Love,

Don and Cyie

P.S. Am sending this to the department as I don't know just where you are now since I am so late in replying.

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