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Mr. Donald E. Crabtree
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Dear Mr. Crabtree,

By way of introduction, I believe that Dr. Robert Squier, of the Kansas University Department of Anthropology, spoke of me at the S.A.A. meetings in Mexico City last May. Dr. Squier had approached Mike Coe about the possibility of my studying the chipped stone assemblage from San Lorenzo as the basis for my dissertation in archaeology from Kansas. As of this time, I still have not heard from Dr. Coe about this project; in any event I intend to study some lithic collection. If the San Lorenzo material is not available, then I will probably undertake a study of Kansas City Hopewell lithics in much the same manner as Dr. Anta White did for the Illinois Valley.

I have heard that you have, in the past, held workshops and discussion groups concerned with lithic technology and actual-manufacturing processes for interested students. I would very much like to participate in one of these, if you still are able to hold them in view of the rumored large response that these sessions have generated. My wife Susanna and Peter Cooper, both graduate students in archaeology at K.U., are also interested in attending.

As to qualifications other than interest in lithic technology: I have taken courses concerned with lithic technology method and theory from Dr. Anta White here at Kansas, as well as worked with Kansas City Hopewell chert assemblages and a collection of obsidian specimens from southern Veracruz; also under the direction of Dr. White; my wife has been a research assistant for Dr. White for the past three years, analyzing Upper Paleolithic flint tools, and she is currently engaged

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in the analysis of a Kansas City Hopewell chert assemblage as part of her Master's thesis; Pete Cooper has studied closely with Dr. White concerning lithic technology and is currently analyzing the preceramic Barn Butte site in western Nebraska for his dissertation.

We would appreciate hearing from you as to the possibility of spending some time under your tutelage. If nothing else at this point in our training, we know that practical knowledge of manufacture is necessary before any serious laboratory analysis can be undertaken in a meaningful way.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

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