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Dear Mr. Katz:

Thank you for your letter of November 6th explaining your interest in lithic technology. To date, we have held two field schools - one in 1969 and one in 1970. I have been more than pleased with the results for all of the students attending have been applying their experiences to the profession. I feel that if one is to understand the prehistory of man before ceramics, an interpretation of the lithic manufacturing techniques is imperative. Very often there are more diagnostic traits found in the debris from various manufacturing stages than are apparent on the final stage of the finished artifact. As far as the field school is concerned, it is not the importance of learning flintknapping so much as how one learns to apply this knowledge to typology.

I am pleased to know of your interest and I am sure your studies will add to your pleasure and interest in examining lithic materials for interpretation.

Our field school is small - only five or six persons - to allow for individual instruction. Students are selected on the basis of their interest in technology and typology and their individual interest and experience in various geographical areas. This makes for an interesting cross-pollination of information from different participants. Your experience with Vera Cruz and other locations will add much to the overall picture.

Dr. Carl Saxonson of Idaho State University selects the students to attend and I will give him your letter as soon as he returns from Europe - around the first of the year. Your wife would be welcome, but remember expenses are allowed for only one. Last year the expense for each student was \$500.00 and it is very possible it will be the same next year. Have had three female students so far and they have certainly proved that the male had no monopoly on the ability to make stone tools.

Good luck in your work and hope to see your presence here next year.

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtree