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Dear Don and Evelyn:

The Plainview paper I sent you earlier is being published in Texas this summer, but in the meantime, I put together this paper on Plainview and MacHaffie for the Miami meetings. I was sorry you weren't able to get there, because I thought there were some very interesting and fruitful discussions in the two lithic afternoons we had. Anyway, I thought you might like to see my comparisons between the Plainview and MacHaffie material, and any comments you might have would be appreciated. I am thinking strongly of simply working up all the supporting evidence from the two sites, plus some that I have from Claypool and calling it a dissertation next fall. What do you think?

First good news---I'm heading down to Lima to work with Carl on the Ayacucho material! Carl and Lucy were both in Miami, as was Irv, and we really had a good time batting around our own problems and solutions. In the course of the meeting Carl mentioned that Scotty had given him money to hire an assistant for the summer but that he hadn't done so, and it didn't take much persuading to convince me I was interested. I talked to Dick Daugherty about it when I got back to Pullman and he said he thought I should take the job, even if it meant delaying the dissertation, and so I have spent the last two weeks getting passport, shots, and information on weather and clothing for a Peruvian "winter". I really am excited, both about the chance to be in Peru and the opportunity to familiarize myself with the Ayacucho material. It will also be the first time I have worked with such large quantities of material, and with the use of the computer.

Second, the bad news---know of any jobs, teaching or otherwise, for next year? I have been looking all year, and have spent more hours than I care to add up writing letters of application, but to no avail; without the dissertation finished there isn't much hope. At the same time, the department here has decided not to allow dissertation-only graduate students who have received departmental support in the past to continue to do so, and I have no assistantship for next year. If you know of anything, either part of full-time, that would allow me to eat next year while I continue the Newsletter and finish the dissertation, I would appreciate it if you would let me know. It's pretty grim these days.

Hope you have a good field school this summer, and get some vacation time in as well. You should really enjoy Pete Bleed!

Sincerely,
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