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Dear Don:

After writing to you yesterday I have had second thoughts, and wonder if you might write a letter of reference to Scotty for me. As I understand it, Carl made the actual committment to hiring me (Scotty had given him carte blanche), but Scotty himself doesn't know much about me. I have met him several times but I doubt he remembers much more than a vaguely familiar face. It might be a good idea if he had some general reference on me, and I would greatly appreciate it if you would pass along some of your own information about my background.

I suspect I will be doing most of the scut work with the debitage, but I also hope to have a chance to do some illustrations of the lower level artifacts. I am taking the equipment along for smoking the pieces, and want to also do some pen-and-ink sketches. I have been doing all of my own illustrations for publications, and would like to see what kind of results I could get with that material. The high humidity in Lima may create difficulties, but it should be worth a try. I would also like to take a few of my own analysis cards down and see how Scotty's material works with my analysis forms. And just to keep us busy, Carl and I have written to Ruth Tringham at Harvard and Alan McPherron at Pittsburgh proposing a joint project for some evening hours. One of the apparent facts from Miami was that people discussing functional evidence don't have well-defined descriptive units to work with; we are suggesting a project of edge modification, well-controlled description of resulting with complete sets of photographs of each class of modification. We would do this once this summer, wrap the material well and send it to Harvard, and have them do the same thing--- then get together somewhere next winter and compare results, and try and get together on the morphological units of description for a change. Then they can argue about the functional significance of the modified edges!

Anyway, if you could see your way to writing a general letter to Scotty for me, I would appreciate it. There is always the possibility that he might have additional lab work to be done next fall, if he likes my work well-enough this summer, and I certainly do need the job.

Again, I hope the summer and field school go well---we'll be thinking about Dierkes Lake and that nice breeze through the cottonwoods, believe me.

As ever,
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