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Dear Don; and Evelyn!

Thanks for the letter; I'll write to Wylie immediately and send him some of the Newsletters with lists of who's doing what. The latest edition of that will be in the mail in a couple of days, if the printer cooperates, and I'm going to get the winter issue out as soon as I can (and try to get back on schedule). Frank Frazier has written up the resin casting technique in great detail, and I think it will make a valuable contribution in the next issue.

I'm really excited today---I just got 8 pieces from the Plainview type site in the mail today, collected by amateurs after the original excavation out of the bone bed and never before studied! And they loaned them to me! I'll include them in the dissertation, of course; four of them are flakes and really add to the information about the site. I also have nearly finished the MacHaffie site analysis and am about to start writing in earnest---picked nearly 30 whole or fragmentary implements out of the debitage in that collection, including three partial cores, and then was able to put together 6 big thinning flakes from the top of an apparently huge bifacial core (like the Debert reconstruction?). I am really planning on getting done in time for June commencement, and am reserving a copy of the dissertation for you to take shots at. I've learned a lot more about MacHaffie than I guess last spring, and the final version will have all the detailed evidence I can possible get into the appendices for the suggested multi-technique model.

Ruth Tringham is organizing another session on functional studies in San Francisco and we'll present the preliminary Ayacucho stuff there; Shafer is also putting together a session on debitage analysis and Carl's going to be in that. I do hope you and Evelyn can be there, but London might be much nicer if you can get there. Thanks for sending the Wylie letter to me, and I'll shoot down a draft of the thesis (~~but~~^{for} serious comment if you have the time) in a few weeks.

Hope you're well this winter,

Ruth

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