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Dear Ruthann:

Please excuse the tardy reply to your most informative and interesting letter of Jan. 15th. Have had problems and have had to overlook much of my correspondence. And thank you for sending your dissertation - a really valuable contribution to the profession. I can not adequately describe here the merits of your thesis. It is by far and away the best contribution in this field for many years. You are certainly worthy of a Phd. I am simply amazed at the amount of work, research involved and do appreciate every statement being qualified. It will take me months to really digest all of the information. The drawings are outstanding and I consider this an up-to-date summation of archaeology in the New World which will be a reference for many years. Congratulations and my copy will be a prized addition to my library.

Yesterday Earl and Jean Swanson paid us a visit and we enjoyed hearing of their year in London and their tour of the continent. He has returned to some problems which are being resolved and the future of the department looks even better. It seems that some persons enjoy digging their own graves by trying to destroy others and it is certainly a relief to have Earl back at the helm.

We had a very successful flintworking session this summer and some really dedicated students. I think Are Tsirk and Jeff Flemmiken will be names to be reckoned with in this field. I was more than delighted with the progress and accomplishments of all of the students.

Will not be able to attend the meetings in Chicago but have submitted a short paper and quoted your accomplishments and hope you will not object to my doing this without your permission. I have cited you as an outstanding typeologist who attended our field school and verified your conclusions by actual experiment. After reading your thesis my conclusion about your ability are correct and hope you don't mind my /saying so publically.

Keep us the good work and keep in touch.

With best wishes,

Don E. Crabtree

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