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Dear Don and Evelyn:

I've been delaying writing 'cause things were pretty much up in the air around here, but I'm about to head for the field for a week and don't want to wait until I get back. I have several things to pass along, and they're a bit mixed up, so please bear with me and I'll just head down the list.

First of all, I called Flint Carpenter and he had just put your book into the mail---good ESP. He said he's try and stop by the office sometime and show me his work, which would be nice.

Second thing, I didn't get the NSF funding for the book. Didn't even get a glimmer of interest, which did surprise me a bit; I had such positive comments from several people who know the system. I'm not giving up, tho, but am just trying a couple new tacks. I have sent the funding proposal and book outline off to the University of Texas Press, and just as a mad fling, to the Society for American Archaeology Memoir Editor, and am waiting to hear a final answer from Bill Woodcock at Academic Press. I still haven't heard from Marie about writing a foreword, but I know she's busy. I am pleased about one thing, tho---Karen Støthert sent me a very long paper, from her dissertation, that took days to edit the first time, and when I suggested that it needed extensive rewriting, ^{she} set down to do that. She has quantified a lot of the generalizations she included in her dissertation, according to a note I got the other day, and should end up with an extremely fine paper. Now to get the rest of them done in like form! I really do need to spend some time with you while you're in Vancouver, if it can be arranged, to start getting a rough draft of that biographical chapter written---with your permission, of course. It all takes a lot of work, but is kind of fun and I know will be a real contribution.

Third thing, I also didn't get the NSF funding for the second year of work on Red Smoke--again, not even a glimmer of interest. I have written and asked for summaries of the review comments, for future reference, and have started to resort my own plans from this end. I didn't apply for the ISU Museum directorship, after serious consideration and for a number of reasons. I do appreciate the support that you and Jean Swanson gave me about that, but I just didn't feel ^{it was} ~~it~~ was appropriate. For one major thing, I am professionally too young---a person needs to have had a Ph.D. and been out in the big wide world for at least 10 years before they could work in that situation, particularly with the politics there. I don't have the experience to combat the already-solid power structure in the Museum and department, whereas a professionally more mature individual could. I also physically don't think I could cope with Pocatello; my allergies are really bad but have become more manageable this year with consistent care and attention, and I think that Simplot plant would completely wipe me out. I also am not ready to leave the Pullman-Moscow area unless I am forced to--I have had to give up more than one warm personal relationship over the last 15 years because my schooling and/or career demanded that I move elsewhere if I was to move ahead, and my tolerance for that has grown less with time. I do think I can find a position here that is professionally and personally satisfactory, and if ~~so~~, I am going to try

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to maintain it. I finally have a home for the first time in my life, with friends on the job and in the community, some community involvement, a doctor and dentist, and I need to hang on to those. My professional productivity is lessened everytime I move and have to reorganize my library, change all my mailing addresses, find new services, and make curtains for a new house. I moved 30 times in the last 15 years, and I want some stability. So, for a variety of very real professional and personal reasons, I didn't even apply for the Pocatello position. As I said, I do appreciate your support about that, and hope you can understand my decision about it. If I were 45, non-allergenic, and a nun I might like Pocatello and the Museum; not now, tho.

So, at the immediate moment my job situation is a bit open---love it! That's facitiously stated, believe me, but I hope that in the next few days things straighten out a bit. I have applied for a permanent half-time lab position here in the department, and Sprague and Rice will make a decision about that this weekend if things go as planned. There are plenty of Forest Service and other small contracts around here to fill out the other half time, and I frankly would like to have a bit of uncommitted time this fall if I could. I have one month of work on the Harvey Mountain quarry work, and I have been asked about spending a month in Baton Rouge illustrating a Paleo-Indian lithic assemblage from Nicaragua. Which I would like to do! There are also some other private consulting possibilities in Nevada that have been hanging open for six months, waiting to hear about funding, and I think there might be more. And, if I had a bit more free time, I might be able to do something serious with Paleo-Designs. Anyway, I am trying to keep as many options open as possible, and not worry too much, and just keep working. I am still finishing up that Park Service contract in my spare time, running the department office as acting head for the summer, working on Red Smoke and seeing how I can stretch the money I do have as far as possible, and working on the Harvey Mountain quarry. And watching my radishes and coleus grow!

I am going up to Harvey Mountain on Monday with a crew of 2, to do some survey, mapping, and quarry a sample to bring back for analysis. The Forest Service is letting me use their helicopter to get into the area, and then out again with the rock, and I'm praying that the rain holds off for a while. I'll send you some materials as soon as I have a good quantity, and full details on the quarry. Wayne Choquette from British Columbia says that similar material appears in prehistoric quarries just north of Harvey Mountain, into BC, and he found a Scottsbluff-like point up by one of the BC quarries! I'll have lots of information, pictures, and samples for you when I get to Vancouver.

I hope your summer is going well, and that you don't get too discouraged by the machinations in Pocatello. I just don't think there's too much some of us can do about that right now, but in the long run I think things will even out. Kelly Murphey said you weren't feeling too good lately, and that's not good. If my folks get south anywhere near Twin Falls in mid-August, would you mind if I ask them to just stop by and see if you're home? I really would like to have you meet them, and vice versa. Anyway, I'll let you know what all happens from this end, and take care down there.

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