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Dear Don (and Evelyn, of course):

Evelynd told me the other night that things were going OK with you, and that's the best possible news-hang in there! I know you're disappointed not to be able to go to Vancouver, but there will be several people reporting to you on what happens there and this way we have more assurance that next time you can go! The important thing now is for you to rest and relax and get well so you can work with Jeff (and me, I hope) during the coming year, and answer all that correspondence that must pile up all the time.

I mentioned to Evie the other night that I got the contract to illustrate the Nicaraguan Paleo-Indian material for Jorge Espinosa, and I'm rather excited about it. I really don't know much about the sites or material yet, other than a few passing comments—one site, El Bosque, is a kill site, and there is also a campsite associated with an ancient spring, with carbon dates on something there of 24-26,000 years? Please don't quote me for a month or so until I know more about it, but I'll let you know what gives. I think Jorge may try and get to the Vancouver meetings, which would help him since he hasn't worked with much early material before the last couple years. He's a young man with family money, a BA in anthro from LSU.

he's now the director of the Dept. de Antropologia e Historia of the Instituto Geografico Nacional in Managua, Nicaragua, He lives in Baton Rouge much of the year, and I will be working there while I do a full set of drawings and photos of about 70 or more pieces. It is the first major drawing contract I've gotten and I'm excited about that, and I'm really glad to have a chance to really look at that material. I'm leaving here on September 8, and expect to be gone about a month---stuffing myself on that Creole cooking while I have a chance, and I hope managing to get down to the gulf swimming at least once. Then it's back home to work, and that will change a bit too. I now have a permanent half-time position in the anthro department running the lab and doing some public service archaeology as the need demands (and finishing up the Red Smoke stuff on the side). The Harvey Mountain argillite is in the analysis process already and I'll try and get some samples sent down to you before I leave for Baton Rouge. And you get well, hear! Last week was a bad time for a lot of very concerned people who care about you and Evelyn.