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Dear Don:

You are such a dear--I will cherish the palette pin, both for the warmth and caring with which you always do things as well as for the tremendous compliment you do me in your comments. I'll have the drawings of the Wasden Folsom materials done in the next week or so, and will send you a copy of them when they are available. There are two point tips, one of a chalcedonic chert (whitish, with what looks like a red ochre on the edges in the scar scallops) and the other obsidian (broken and reworked so that the flute comes from the tip?). There are also two obsidian midsections, both of a burgundy-colored black obsidian but apparently representing two separate tools. There is one bifacially thinned and unifacially edged general cutting/scraping tools, and the distal end of a basalt/argillite thinned biface; there is also a flake off of a thick bifacially modified but unifacially damaged/scrubbed edge, with additional spalling of the flake distal edge. And finally, when going carefully through the 60 tiny (ca. 2mm wide, 5mm long) flakes that Susan collected from the Folsom level, I found one that has a row of regular, fine (less than 1mm wide) scars along one edge, and frankly looks like a microtool but could be a flake from the edge of a larger tool. Anyway, I took a roll of slides of the materials the other day and if they work out I'll show them at the Idaho Archaeological Society annual meeting in Boise later this month.

Is there any possibility that you could come over to Boise for the IAS meeting on Saturday, the 22nd? Is Jim Woods coming over for that, and/or for the Idaho Advisory Council for Professional Archaeology meeting the day before? I sure wish you could come over if you are feeling up to it, tho I suspect that isn't feasible. If you could, the Laboratory could pick up your per diem and lodging expenses as a consulting fee (you could look at some of our Lydle Gulch materials?). I know one of the reasons that I'd particularly like to have you come over is that right now I just don't see any way in which I am going to get to Twin Falls later this month as I thought I might. I have to be in Boise for the IACPA and IAS meetings, then stay for several days and get the Lydle Gulch site backfilled (we are having problems coordinating gravel trucks and equipment to get that done). I next have to be in Idaho Falls for the Wasden-Jaguar Cave tour on 4-5 Nov, as the Folsom expert and as an interested participant in the geological field trip, and inbetween Boise and Idaho Falls I have to be in Moscow to attend an Idaho NOW State Board meeting (I am secretary-treasurer again this year). And, I am getting to the point of desperation about some of my uncompleted contracts around here. I am finally getting a full-time secretary/assistant hired almost entirely for me and the Lab work, which will take a lot of the time-consuming work load off me, but I have to get some of these reports out or I am going to be in deep trouble with several agencies. I just rewrote my vita the other day (I am up for promotion to associate professor!) and discovered that I had 18 manuscript reports "in progress" either as a single author

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author or as one of many (with some grad students)--I have to get some of those transferred to the "Completed" column! Thus, while I dearly wish I could get over to TF and see you and get a chance to see Jim Woods' set-up it just isn't going to work for a while. So it would be extra nice if you could come to Boise--and if you can't, I'll send along a report on the events and the details of the Wasden Folsom stuff after the meetings.

Got to run--people pounding at the office door. My folks said to say hi, they're heading for their camping spot over on the lake in central Minnesota and busier than they ever were before they retired. When are you going to send me information on someone to help you with the letter-writing? Name, address, telephone number, social security number, date of birth? That's all I need to put a personnel action form through so that I could pay someone for transcription and/or typing time, and of course I should probably send down some more stationery. What about some stamps? I do wish I could help out with some of that correspondence, and Jim Woods told me he thought he knew someone around Twin Falls who would be able to come out to the house.

Really got to run--take care, I do hope you're feeling better, and thank you so much for the thoughtfulness in sending the pin and book. Now to get to reading!

Take care,

Luthann

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