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Dear Don:

I'm sorry to have taken too long to answer your letter; I really have no excuse, but pre-lims are the best reason these days. However, I did get through them and passed earlier this month, so I'm beginning to get caught up on all the things I let slide while I was studying.

Your comments about talking to Swanson about the field school are most encouraging. I know you have many applicants and only a very small number of students, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed. Dick did talk to Swanson a couple of weeks ago, and I think Frank Leonhardy also wrote a letter for me. I'm getting to the point where I have some feel for the stone, and can at least come up with a relatively thin biface, so I guess that's some progress. By the way, Jeff is an excellent teacher when he relaxes and doesn't worry about people watching him. He certainly does know a lot about lithics.

One reason I have frankly been stalling before I wrote to you was because my source for the Knife River chalcedony has become relatively unavailable within the last couple of months, and Ray won't be up there this spring to help me out. However, and with no promises, I have written to a couple of people in Bismarck, and you'll know if they can help out if and when a package arrives in the mail. I have a few pieces that I can bring down with me, whatever, and I thought I might also try and get some Alibates. I would also like to get hold of some of this naturally-fired scoria, or siltstone, or whatever it is that is used prehistorically by very-hard-up Indians in the western Plains---will try.

I, too, am hoping I will see you this summer, and perhaps even in Mexico if you get down there; Ray and I will be there for sure.

Sincerely,

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