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Dear Dr. Loftin:

In September I had a request from Dr. Bob Bell to write to you concerning holding a 10 or 12 week course in lithic technology and study of typology at your site. Since I was unable to accept this fine offer due to my wife's illness, I have had one of my graduate students write to you concerning teaching this course. Mr. Carl Thagan of Ohio State University has studied with me and Dr. Francois Bordes at our lithic technology field school and I found him to be the most outstanding student in this field. I am sure that you would like him personally, as well as being very satisfied with his interpretation of technology and typology. I believe that he has written to you about this matter and this letter is merely in the form of a recommendation.

I regret very much that I could not come myself for I am very interested in your site and would welcome the opportunity to work with the students as well as study the collections and interpret the techniques. Perhaps some day things will straighten out for me and I will be able to travel again and view more materials.

I do hope that you will accept Mr. Thagan and that you will be well pleased with him. Also appreciate your interest in technology for this has been a much neglected study and there is so much yet to be done in this field. Typology without technology is theoretical and, therefore, I do hope Carl will have the opportunity to be of some help.

Thanks again to you and Dr. Bell for this offer and much success on your season of digging.

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtree  
Idaho State University

cc- Bob Bell

P.S. to Bob Bell: Thank you so much for considering me for this course and I deeply regret that I cannot accept the offer at this time. But my wife's bout with cancer is keeping us very close to home. Thagan can do a fine job here and hope Dr. Loftin will consider him. We are both so sorry to hear of the death of your mother in law and do hope your wife has reconciled herself to the loss by this time. Again, we would both like to say how much we enjoyed our brief visits in Mexico City and do hope we can make the meetings in Oklahoma next May and have another opportunity of comparing notes.

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