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Dear Bill:

It was so nice to receive your letter of April 17th and to again be invited to Grasshopper. Visiting this site is one of the things we look forward to each year and, yes, we certainly will accept your invitation. We can discuss the date you would rather I be there when we meet in Santa Fe. I would really like to go to Tucson after Grasshopper for this will be a decided advantage for me as I would like to discuss the Hohokam with Dr. Haury at that time. I am having a little trouble rewriting the paper for Kiva, as I find it very difficult to describe holding positions. Have finally started making drawings and yesterday Swanson saw them and seemed to be delighted with them, although I think they are quite amateurish. But I believe they will help when the article appears in Kiva.

We have reserved a room at La Fonda for the 8,9,10 and 11th of May and are looking forward to the meeting there. There are so many interesting papers to be given that it is hard to decide which session to attend. Save some time so we can get together for a good bull session.

Have recently resolved a new percussion technique which produces blades much like the Poverty Point material. Have written Francois about this and have him also working on the technique. Will include this in the demonstration at Grasshopper. It seem to be important, for it seems to be the answer to Butler's edge-ground cobbles and therefore they would have been a percussion tool rather than a milling stone. We will look for some at Grasshopper.

Just returned from a visit to Reno where I spoke and demonstrated to the Am-Arcs. Showed the bear skinning slides and they really went over big. Several said they hoped your had movies on this which would be available. Stephenson is really doing a fine job on the survey of Nevada and has some fine sites spotted. There has been such tremendous response to my miserable article in Science that it occurs to me that you should write up the bear-skinning with stone tools for this magazine. Seems there is a tremendous interest in the function of stone tools. Have many requests from MD. Just a suggestion.

Please give our regards to the Ayres and the rest of the staff and will be looking forward to seeing you in Santa Fe.

Sincerely,

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