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México, D.F. 28th november, 1967.

Dear Earl:

Finally I am answering your now old letter
augus 31st. As always, too much work, and, to be -
true, your letter disappeared for several months -
under rather thick strata of papers and other -
cultural materials.

I don't remember about any graduate student
of mine going to Idaho, the Don should have made some
misunderstanding. By the way, we expect him to visit
México some day and to be taken by us to the famous -
"Sierra de las Navajas" a Sierra of obsidian about -
120 km from México City where he will enjoy knapping
and sampling the several thousands workshops lying -
around.

Good old Francois, as always, didn't wrote a
word when in U.S.A. Of course, I haven't had a word -
from him since months, perhaps years but we all know
he is like that. Nevertheless, I hope to see him around
some day sooner tha he thinks because our Tlapacoya -
site has proved to be around 24,000 years old. It is -
true that we don't claim more than 40,000, as Malde and
Cynthia did but our is not wishful-thinking.

I hope to see you in México some time, after -
the Olympic Games, with or without grant in aid. In -
the meantime, reciban un fuerte abrazo de su amigo.

PS. Ian will be back the 1rst. january 1968 -
for at least a couple of months.

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Mexico, D. F., October 23rd., 1968.

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Dear Earl:

The photographs you send me are at least amazing. Clearly they are artifacts and the "caliche" that covers them proves a rather old age. I don't belong to the "Altitheermal" believers, however a lime-carbonate crust means time as considered just a pedological phenomenon.

Now, we need to know what precisely means 100 miles south of Guajalajara. I think the best would be Don asks this man Barry again, of course he will have to ask his own purveyor. If we, the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia begins to make questions, I am afraid they will not answer.

As soon as you get the spot localized in an area of, lets say, 50 miles in circle, we will start our survey and, if something is located, we will not only give you the credits, we will do more: to ask you to send people and money to help in the works (more money than people).

I believe the artifacts were found as part of a quarry at some edge of an obsidian flow. In other words, I am not sure any stratigraphy will be related. Nevertheless, it was a pleasure to have something to chatter about with you.

And, as always, I hope to see you both some day around here.

ARQGO. JOSE LUIS LORENZO