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Dear Don:

thank you for your letter from January 16, 1972. We are willing to continue with the "fracture-research" and hope very much that Dr. Speth will start working in 1973 in Freiburg an Tübingen. He will have all the machinery in Freiburg in the institute of Dr. Kerckhoff and also technicians doing the details there. So, after two or three years we should be through with the main problems, we hope.

Do you have the first book on neolithic wooden implements - including some specimen with hafted stone-parts ? If not, I would be glad to send you a copy, asking only for some review in some periodical. The second publication is ready for print, but I am little afraid that I have to wait for some months as the people in Groningen, who did the excavation have to change some interpretations after the resulty I got about the distribution of the implements. Anyhow the paper should be available somewhen in 1973.

I would be glad to meet Mr. G. F. Wili. But so far I did not hear anything from him.

We got new interesting resulty in artifact morphology (bone tools of the early Upper Palaeolithic: Aurignacian) using discrimination analysis and being able to define the degree of similarity of different objectes and in a given grouping of objects. We also made the distribution maps (so far I know for the first time) by machine. The book (No. 2 of Archaeologica Venatoria) will be out next month.

We had to postpone the arctic research into 1973, but our field work in India, Africa and Central Europe continues quite well. Our chemical laboratory got very interesting ideas about "polish patination" and we start to do some work in the Near East.

I look forward to see your paper on the Obtuse Angle. We will try our best for the Pre-Dorset points, which are done rather nicely too.

All the best

Hans

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