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Mr. Don Crabtree  
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Dear Don:

I tried unsuccessfully to get you on the telephone yesterday only to learn that you were in Nebraska. I hope all goes well and that your summer field school was a success as usual.

Under separate cover I am sending you the copy of the article I just recently sent in to the Scientific American and since it concerns you rather heavily, I would appreciate your reaction to it. In particular, if I have missed something important or not accurately characterized your work I would want to make changes before publication.

I am writing you today, however, for the same reason that I tried to call you yesterday. Because Mr. James Word, the program chairman of the South Plains Archeological Society's hosting of the Texas Archeological Society this fall asked me to. He wondered if you would be available to come to be our banquet speaker on October 20. That is a Saturday. The meetings will be held here in Lubbock from October 19 to October 21 and it is a tradition as you are familiar with from your previous experience back in 1965 at Dallas that this is an enthusiastic group. I think that it would be very fine if you could come here for a visit and could give a talk and perhaps a demonstration to the Society. I am sure much has happened since you talked with them in 1965 that would make your presentation extremely valuable to all concerned.

I am told that the Society would be able to take care of your transportation and of course provide you with housing and meals while you are here. I further suggest that it would be both appropriate if you had a substantial stipend and have been assured that this is feasible. The first question is, are you available to come at that time, and if so, we would need to know under what conditions that might be appropriate in terms of your expenses and other financial needs.

I hope we can work something out on this and look forward to having a chance to visit with you. Best wishes as always.

Cordially yours,

*Bill*

William J. Mayer-Oakes  
Professor and Chairman

cc: Mr. James Word

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