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Mr. Don E. Crabtree
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Dear Mr. Crabtree:

Ray Baby informs me that he has spoken with you about our graduate seminar in primitive technology, our department's interest in your work, and the possibility of your visiting us while our efforts are in progress. I realize that the latter is impossible at the moment and would not bother you with a letter, were it not for my desire to introduce myself personally and indicate my continuing interest in your work.

My specialty to date in archaeology is the Upper Paleolithic of Western Europe. A typologist of necessity, I have experimented with flint-working techniques, both to appreciate the craftsmanship involved and to ensure that my typological classifications reflect meaningful units in terms of style, techniques, etc.; besides this I enjoy knapping and the detailed study of material recovered in excavation. Toward the end of disseminating and improving on my own knowledge, I have begun to teach a graduate seminar on techniques of working in stone, bone, antler, and ivory. We have utilized many of the available visual aids and are hoping to be able to use your Shadow of Man if we can review a copy for purchase before the end of this term. We are assembling a good bibliography and a substantial quantity of raw materials, and I expect that some of the projects in this first effort will be productive, encouraging us to amplify this work in the future.

Since I began the draft of this letter I have learned that there may be openings for some students in your program this summer. Needless to say, we are very excited about that possibility, and two of the best students under my direction have already applied to Dr. Swanson. I will follow my letter to you with recommendations for these applicants, and I sincerely hope that at least one of them will be able to continue his work in this interesting direction.

I am happy to hear that Professor Bordes will soon be working with you again. I am sure that your schedule is extremely busy, and so will not belabor the point of your visiting us. If there should be open dates this month, or if your hoped-for association with our students gives you especial interest in our program, I simply want you to know that we would be honored to have you as our guest at any time. Our chairman, Dr. Williams, is in accord with the desires of Dr. Baby, other prehistorians on the faculty, and myself, and would provide all expenses for you (and for Professor Bordes if the visit were possible while our seminar is still in session).

To summarize, I want to inform you of our kindred interest, express our appreciation for what you are doing, and convey my desire to meet you whenever it is possible. I am looking forward to reviewing The Shadow of Man and to an association between yourself and our most highly-motivated students. Given the chance, I would come with them to Idaho!

Sincerely yours,

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