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Dear Mr. Crabtree:

A Symposium on the study of the functions of stone tools is tentatively being organized for the summer of 1971. We plan to hold it on the island of Hvar, on the Dalmatian coast of Yugoslavia, from 28 August to 2 September, immediately preceding the events of the 8th Int'l Congress of Pre- and Protohistoric Sciences that will take place in Belgrade.

We propose that it will be most profitable to divide the time among formal papers, practical demonstrations, and informal discussion. The Symposium will center around the following topics:

1. Aims and purposes of functional analysis.
2. Microwear studies (microscopic examination of traces of wear and utilization).
3. Experiments in tool manufacture and use.
4. Observations on stone tool utilization in modern pre-industrial societies.

The official languages will be English, French, German, and Russian. Simultaneous-translation facilities will be used. To further facilitate comprehension and discussion, papers will be circulated in advance.

We are now at the point of requesting funds for the Symposium, and need a very rapid reply from you on the following questions:

- (1) Are you interested in participating? (If Yes, then please let us know the research topic or paper title you might present.)
 - (2) Are you planning to attend the 8th Congress in Belgrade?
- (If the answers to the first two questions are affirmative:)
- (3) Can you arrange your own travel to Yugoslavia, or is your participation in Symposium and Congress contingent upon arrangements that we might succeed in making? ✓

We would appreciate an immediate answer to these questions, so that we can gain a picture of the financing necessary for the Symposium. We would also appreciate your suggesting names and addresses of others whose contributions would be of interest to the Symposium.

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