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Dear Alan:

At this late date and with much regret I have to advise you that I will not be able to take part in the symposium in Miami. Lack of funds and a conflicting date of initiation into Sigma Xi ruled out the trip to Miami. Sorry to miss the opportunity to spend some time with the group interested in the sadly neglected field of an approach to functional analysis - a real opportunity I hate to miss. But the big bonus is having Dick Gould there who can give factual information on tool use based on his observations.

Last week I participated in a four day symposium at Washington State University with Borden and Bradley and reviewed several theses on lithic technology. The thesis of Marie Faulkner was outstanding. He has been experimenting with mechanical fracture of lithics, using polarized light to examine the stress and strains of lithic materials. He will be attending the meetings in Miami and perhaps could fill in for me on the panel. I have suggested this to him and he is agreeable. His approach and conclusion to function and micro wear should be a real asset to the discussions. Hope you can get together.

Just returned from I.S.U. and selection of candidates for the Lithic Technology summer field school. We had sixty applicants and only four stipends so am delighted that Joel Gunn has been selected to attend. He should receive formal notice soon.

Perhaps the next S.A.A. meeting will be closer to home and we will be able to get together, but this year it was just impossible.

Sincerely,

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