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February 26, 1936

Dear Harold:

I was delighted to receive your letter and to learn that you are planning to publish. Your collection ~~is~~ of such significance that it seems very unfortunate that there is so little information available about it. Also there is really no way of becoming known except through publication. I really think that a few good publications^{are} of much more value than the right to put half the letters of the alphabet after one's name.

I rather imagine that the best way to handle the publication would be to give an idea of the distribution of the complexes. Not with too much exactness of course since there are any number of so-called scientists who haven't the ethics of a gangster when it comes to stealing a site. Then after explaining the distributi~~o~~n give a detailed account of the main sites. Stressing the associations^{the} of complexes, and wherever possible^{the} import of geological and paleontological factors. Another part of the paper might profitably be devoted to information regarding technique which has not been previously brought out. In dealing with the question of Yumas it might be well not to rely too much on Dr. Renaud's classification of types.

Also I should like to suggest that, if possible, you consult with a competent Geologist and Paleontologist. Cook's work may have been perfectly dependable but the adverse criticism it has received might instill a slight doubt in the minds of

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certain people. I don't know of any paleontologists that would be available but I feel sure that Prof. Louis Quam at C.U. would be very helpful in dealing with geological problems. He has made a special study of the Pleistocene and should prove to be quite dependable.

I'll try to get Howard's publication off to you this week. If there are any other books you want or if I can help in any possible way please let me know.

As ever,

Marie

P.S.

I know that this typing is awful but my writing is incredibly worse. At least no one can prove that a word is misspelled and that it isn't just a typographical error.

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July 24, 1936

Dear Harold:

Here at last is my belated but very sincere letter of apology. As I explained in my hurried post card your letter reached the Museum while I was out of town. After my return the matter of this Folsom Site came up and we went around in circles getting things organized. The trustees wouldn't kick through and the capitalists were equally stubborn so we finally just took our pay checks and departed. Since we have been in camp we have been getting up at 5:00 and tottering in to bed at 8:00. Digging all day doesn't leave much time or energy for writing letters. In fact I neglected my correspondence so shamefully that Mother reached the point where she was calling all the farm houses in the vicinity to see if I were still alive.

Mr. Hanington is now trying to get some money from the executive committee so we shall probably be up here for some time yet. That means that it would probably be best not to try to exhibit the collection until September as we had originally planned. Mrs. Kalmus, the little dear, is according to all reports, still in the best of health and spirits. She'll be a terribly unpleasant person to deal with, strictly Kosher you know, but I do think she'll be an awfully good bet.

Do write and tell me that all is forgiven and if it's at all possible try and arrange a visit to the camp. The site is just 20 miles out of Ft. Collins on the Laramie Highway. I'll arrange about the belt as soon as I get back to civilization and a check-book.

As ever,

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August 31, 1936

Dear Harold:

I have at last returned to the fold and am tucked away in the museum trying to get caught up again. Since the site was first discovered I have lived the life of a hermit, and a particularly unsociable one at that, and it is amazing how things have piled up. I am sorry that you did not get to see the site but since you couldn't come before the first of September and I couldn't keep it going after that I suppose it was inevitable.

I also regret that it was impossible to warn you of Dr. Howard's arrival. Unfortunately the man is positively flea-like in his ability to jump from place to place without warning. I discovered one night at 10:00 o'clock that he had arrived in Denver and there was nothing for me to do but leave immediately, arriving in Denver about midnight. We talked till 2:00 and I was barely able to get a little sleep before we left at 6:00 for a hurried look at the site. He is hoping to come back in October, however, so possibly we can arrange something then if he will warn me instead of merely arriving.

I think it will be advisable to bring all of the collection, including the modern material since Mrs. Kalmus is a horrible grasping person for whom quantity has an irresistible appeal. Also I have a selfish motive in the matter. While the collection is here I should very much like to study it and see if I can ferret out some of the intermediate types which look strictly modern but which have been found lately in perfect association with Folsom material at the Lindenmaier Site, at Clovis and at our site.

Do write soon and let me know when you will be down.

as ever,
W. Meade

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May 11, 1937

Dear Harold:

I know this must seem like the proverbial voice from the grave, but I've simply had to let all my correspondence slide lately. I have a list of unanswered letters a mile long but your name is at the head of the list, so that should be some sort of a point in my favor. Before the Symposium, however, I was working on my paper until all hours and subsisting on a diet of black coffee and cigarettes, and since I got back I've been dashing about the countryside. Each time I've returned another mythical site has been reported and I've been on my way again. Even the dog barks when I come in and the neighbors ask Mother if she has a house guest.

Your collection was viewed with a great deal of interest at the Symposium, but I was unable to get any definite nibbles either for a purchase or for casts. However, if you're interested I'll be glad to make up a list of the foreign visitors who might be interested and their addresses. As Dr. Howard wrote you the collection remained in Philadelphia until the first of May, but it is now safely back. The only minor casualty was the loss of the ear from the rose grey chalcedony Folsom, (the one that had been broken and glued back on) I am still hoping that it will turn up in the cotton wrapping, though, and I shall also write to Dr. Howard asking him to look through the case, since I know that it was still intact when we left Philadelphia.

As soon as I can get around to it I'll send you some notes on the Symposium that you might find of interest. Please excuse this long delay and do write so that I can redeem myself by answering promptly

As ever,

Marie

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December 14, 1936

Dear Harold:

I can't tell you how sorry I was to learn of your Father's accident and that you may have to give up some of your plans for the time being. I know you will eventually succeed in getting what you want but it does seem such a shame that all this had to happen now. It's just one more thing that makes me feel like going out and waving a red flag.

I don't know if Dr. Howard has written to you yet but I know he is planning to. In March the Philadelphia Academy Of Natural Sciences is planning to hold a Symposium on early man and all the leading archaeologists of the world are planning to participate. So far as I know there are only four Folsom and Yuma artifacts in all of Europe and it has occurred to me that Europe might be the most logical market for your collection if you still want to sell it. Among the men gathered for the Symposium will be a number who might have the authority and the necessary funds for such a purchase. If possible, it might be wise to try to arrange for an exhibit there. If you're interested I'll be only too glad to do what I can to arrange for the exhibition and watch over the transportation.

I'm delighted that you're going to be in Denver for a while and I'm looking forward to seeing you again. Please let me know when you plan to come. There is some chance that I may have to go out of town late in December and not return until the first week of January. I'd appreciate it very much if you'll bring your catalog along. There are a few points that I haven't been able to place satisfactorily.

As ever,

Marie

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P.S.

I wouldn't mention to Howard that there is any question of selling the collection. It's better, if you do decide to exhibit it, to take the attitude that it's just to do him a favor.

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November 24, 1936

Dear Harold:

Sorry not to have answered sooner but Mr. Figgins was visiting last week and things have been rather hectic. While he was here Mrs. Kalmus arrived unexpectedly with Mr. Arnold. I resolved to be nice to the woman if it killed me so our encounter passed off very well. Mr. Arnold and I did what we could to distract her attention but out of the whole collection the one thing which really fascinated her were the translucent points mounted on glass. She has probably written to you by now so you are very likely more familiar with her reactions than I.

I was delighted to learn that you were pledged to Sigma Gamma Epsilon. From what I have heard it is an organization whose name carries a great deal of prestige in professional circles and it may be a great help to you.

The typology project is progressing nicely and I hope to be able to send you a copy of the tabulations and correlations for your approval in the next month or so.

Do write soon and tell me how you're getting along and what Mrs. Kalmus' verdict was.

As ever,

Marie

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December 29, 1936

Dear Harold:

I was delighted to receive your letter and to learn that you are to be in town this week. My plans have been changed again so I shall not be leaving for the present. Saturday would I think, be the best day since Friday is New Years Day and the Museum will be closed, also Mother is giving a dinner party and I shall be busy with that. I don't know yet what our method of transportation will be in going to the Symposium but I'm sure there will be some way of arranging to get the artifacts to Philadelphia safely. We can discuss it when you come down. Please don't forget to bring the catalog with you when you come, there are a few things that we are very anxious to clear up.

I'm awfully glad your father is better now, and that you'll be able to go back to school this winter.

I'll have to dash, there's an annual report to get out and I am slowly but very surely losing my mind.

As ever,

Marie

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October 14, 1936

Dear Harold:

I was hoping that I would hear from you since I neglected to get your new address. Mrs. Kalmus came in a few days ago to see the collection. Betty saw her quite by accident as she went by. Unfortunately Mr. Arnold did not accompany her and we thought it best not to get mixed up in it so she saw only the part that was in the cases. It would probably be a good idea to write to her and give her a detailed account of the collection and suggest that she come over either with Mr. Harvey or with Mr. Arnold, on a Saturday afternoon. I could provide them with a key to my office and the dear lady could inspect the collection in peace and privacy.

I expect to have a good story in the Denver Post Sunday so that might provide the psychological moment for the next attack. Do write when you have time and let me know how things are going.

As ever,

Maie

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February 9, 1937

Dear Harold:

I was terribly sorry that you didn't get into Denver over the holidays. Since then I've wondered about writing to you but I thought your address might be different so I decided to let it ride until I heard from you. The casting idea seems like a very good bet. There are only two museums in Europe that have any Folsom or Yuma material or casts. I'll be glad to round up some of the representatives of European museums and give them a little preliminary sales talk. If possible better give me an approximate idea of the cost of a series of casts.

Do you want me to include your material in our shipment to the Symposium? We are sending our stuff by registered mail and feel sufficiently sure of its safety to include irreplaceable material such as the original finds. If you want us to take care of your shipment we'll be glad to do so and I'll give it the tenderest care in packing, but the Museum cannot be responsible for its safety and Mr. Bailey would like to have your written authorization before the collection is sent. I feel sure it will be perfectly safe however; Howard said that the Smithsonian has been sending its specimens by registered mail for 20 years with no casualties.

Don't worry too much about the Calculus. Calculus under the best of conditions would be pure unmitigated hell but after five years rest from it, it would go way beyond that. Do write soon and tell me what you want to do; all the material for the exhibits has to be in Philadelphia before the first of March.

As ever,

Marie

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April 30, 1948

Mr. Perry Andersen
P.O. Box 18
Littleton, Colorado

Dear Mr. Andersen:

Thank you so much for your letter and the very welcome information about the point. There are no records on it here and since so much of the question of dating Yumas hinges on this particular point it is very important to know more about it.

I was wondering, if the point is still in your possession, if it might be possible for me to see it. Just looking at it for a few minutes would be all that would be necessary and I could drive out to Littleton whenever it was convenient for you. If not, I would be very grateful, if you could tell me a little more about the way in which it is flaked. Does it have the rippled oblique flaking or have spalls been removed from either side as in the case of the Yumas found at Eden Valley, Wyoming?

Again, thank you for your cooperation. Please give my best to Harold when you write to him.

Most sincerely yours,

Maie Wormington

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April 15, 1948

Mr. Perry Andersen
Littleton, Colorado

Dear Mr. Andersen:

The Museum is planning to publish a new paper on Yuma Points and we should be most grateful if you could provide us with a little information. The data we need pertains to the point found by you and Harold Cook and published on by the latter under the title "New Evidence of the 'Folsom Culture' Race" in the *Scientific American* for February 1931. This is the point which was imbedded in the gray bed and which was removed in the block of matrix.

The description of the point in this article is very poor and very little can be learned from the small photograph. Since this seems to be the first find of a Yuma in situ it is quite important to have a more detailed description of it. If you could provide us with such a description it would help a great deal. I am under the impression that this artifact was in your collection and I presume that it must have been returned to you by Mr. Figgins since it was on exhibition at the Museum at one time but was no longer here when I joined the staff in 1935. If you remember the approximate year in which this transfer was made, that information would also be very helpful. That, however, is not so important. What we really need very badly is a competent description of the point. We shall, of course, give you full credit in quoting you.

Most sincerely yours,

Marie Wormington

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October 24, 1949

Mr. Perry Andersen
Ward B
Denver General Hospital
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Andersen:

I was extremely sorry to learn of your injury and I do hope that you are now feeling much better.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the new edition of "Anceint Man In North America." I'm sorry there has been a little delay in getting it to you but there were only 250 in the first delivery and we were completely swamped by back orders.

Please give my best to Harold when you write to him. I think it's grand that he is so close to finishing his degree.

Most sincerely yours,

Marie Wormington

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