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Dear Dr. Krieger:

This is just a brief note to acknowledge your fine letter of March 24, 1965. Needless to say, I am delighted with its contents. Copies will be sent to all members of the Executive Committee who will meet in the near future to discuss it. I am confident they too will be excited about your letter, especially of the possibility of our holding a preliminary meeting to coincide with the end of the I.N.Q.U.A. meeting in Denver.

Sincerely,

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DEAR MR. MEEM:

YOUR FINE LETTER CAME TODAY AND I WILL ANSWER IMMEDIATELY AS TO GENERAL REACTIONS, LEAVING DETAILS UNTIL THEY CAN BE THOUGHT OUT.

IT IS WONDERFUL TO KNOW THAT YOUR WHOLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS SO COMPLETELY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE LITHIC TYPOLOGY PROJECT GOING. OF COURSE, I HAVE REALIZED ALL ALONG THAT THE SCHOOL COULD NOT FINANCE THE ACTUAL RESEARCH WHEN IT IS "READY TO ROLL." I MENTIONED TO ED SEVERAL TIMES THAT A LARGE GRANT MUST BE SOUGHT FROM ONE OF THE AFFLUENT FOUNDATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS AND FOR FIVE YEARS IF POSSIBLE (WITH RENEWALS, PRESUMABLY, WHEN WE HAVE SHOWN WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT WITH CONCRETE RESULTS.) BUT PERHAPS ED DID NOT PASS THIS ON TO YOU--NOT THAT IT MATTERS NOW.

TO MAKE IT BRIEF (I'M IN A JAMB AGAIN TO FINISH A MANUSCRIPT), I ACCEPT YOUR POINTS (A) TO (D) COMPLETELY, INCLUDING THE TIMING FOR COMING TO SANTA FE IN THE SUMMER; IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE THAT. AS TO POINT (E), HOWEVER, I SUGGEST SOME CHANGES, AS FOLLOWS:

1. YOUR KIND OFFER OF EXPENSES IS ACCEPTED; I WOULD HAVE NO OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR IT.

2. YOUR EQUALLY KIND OFFER OF AN HONORARIUM IS REJECTED. IT WOULD NEVER HAVE OCCURRED TO ME EVEN TO BE OFFERED ONE, AND ALTHOUGH THE THOUGHT BEHIND IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, I HAVE AN IDEA AS TO HOW IT COULD BE SPENT FOR BETTER PURPOSES. (A GRANT WILL TAKE ITS PLACE)

3. IN JULY, THE INQUA MEETS IN BOULDER, COLORADO, FIRST TIME IN THE U. S., I THINK. (INQUA STANDS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF QUATERNARY RESEARCH, AND ALTHOUGH IT IS PRIMARILY IN THE FIELDS OF GEOLOGY, PALEONTOLOGY, CLIMATOLOGY, ETC., THIS TIME IT IS DRAWING A LOT OF ARCHEOLOGISTS TOO, FROM THE U. S. AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.) DR. MULLER-BECK WILL BE THERE AND IN FACT WILL COME THROUGH SEATTLE ON THE WAY AS HE IS FLYING VIA SAS FROM COPENHAGEN TO ANCHORAGE AND THENCE HERE AND TO DENVER. I BELIEVE THAT SEVERAL OF OUR STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ATTEND, BUT I DON'T KNOW JUST WHO AS YET. I DON'T PLAN TO BUT CAN TIME THE SANTA FE TRIP TO COME RIGHT AFTER THE INQUA ADJOURNS.

4. NOW, THEN, I SUGGEST THAT INSTEAD OF PAYING ME AN HONORARIUM, THE SCHOOL MIGHT PAY THE EXPENSES OF TWO OR THREE OF OUR BEST MEMBERS, FROM DENVER TO SANTA FE AND BACK TO DENVER, WHICH WOULD NOT BE EXPENSIVE. WHEN I RECEIVE THE PROGRAM (SOON, I HOPE), I CAN MAKE SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHO MIGHT BE INVITED TO HELP US WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION, AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CODIFICATION SO IT CAN BE SUBMITTED TOO.

I EXPECT THAT OUR MAN FROM ARGENTINA, DR. ALBERTO REX GONZÁLEZ, WILL ATTEND THE INQUA TOO, FOR I HAVE A NOTION THAT HE SAID SO AT THE CONGRESS OF AMERICANISTS IN SPAIN LAST SUMMER.

YOU SAY THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE "WILL HAVE FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THE ONLY AVENUE THAT SEEMS OPEN TO US." CERTAINLY IT IS THE MOST LOGICAL AND PRACTICAL ONE. THE TRICK WILL BE TO APPROACH THE BEST FOUNDATION, FOR THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT POLICIES AS TO LENGTH OF TIME FOR THEIR GRANTS, WHETHER THEY GO TO INDIVIDUALS OR TO INSTITUTIONS, WHETHER THE PROJECTS COME UNDER THE HEAD OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ETC. I WOULD SAY OFF-HAND THAT WE NEED ABOUT \$20,000 A YEAR AS A MINIMUM; THAT IS, AT LEAST \$60,000 FOR THREE YEARS, OR \$100,000 FOR FIVE YEARS, ETC. THUS, SOME FOUNDATIONS POSITIVELY WILL NOT CONSIDER ANYTHING ON THIS SCALE FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WE NEED NOT THINK ABOUT THEM. THE BEST WOULD BE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (WHICH IS ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO GRANT PROJECTS FOR AS LONG AS THREE YEARS INSTEAD OF ONE OR TWO), FORD, ROCKEFELLER, CARNEGIE CORPORATION, AND POSSIBLY THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL. MAYBE I WILL THINK OF OTHERS; MAYBE YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE CAN TOO. I WILL ALSO BE JOTTING DOWN IDEAS FOR THE APPLICATION FROM TIME TO TIME UNTIL SUMMER.

(JUST TODAY I ALSO RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO JOIN A FIVE-YEAR PROJECT IN COLOMBIA, BEGINNING IN A YEAR OR SO. I MIGHT DO IT, AS AN ADVISOR, FOR I CAN'T GET AWAY FOR LONG PERIODS OF FIELD WORK; BUT IT WOULD ALSO GIVE ME A TIE-HOLD FOR TRAVEL TO SOUTH AMERICA NOW AND THEN THAT COULD RESULT IN MAKING CLOSER CONTACTS FOR COOPERATION IN DISTANT AREAS FOR THE LITHIC PROJECT.)

MUST CLOSE NOW WITH VERY KINDEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES. IT IS PAST MIDNIGHT AND I HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN HOME YET TODAY--BUT I WILL EXTEND YOUR REGARDS TO MRS. KRIEGER AND I'M SURE SHE WOULD SEND MERS IF SHE KNEW I WAS WRITING YOU. WE BOTH WANTED VERY, VERY MUCH TO THINK ABOUT MOVING TO SANTA FE, BUT NOW WE WILL HAVE TO BE SATISFIED WITH SUMMER VISITS. THAT IS, IF AND WHEN A GRANT IS RECEIVED.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

ALEX D. KRIEGER