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Dr. E. P. Henderson,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Henderson:

I have quite a guilt complex about not writing you sooner, but life and business just seem to get more complex all the time, and I keep putting off manythings I would love to do and should do.

I'm sorry you ran into so much rain on your trip, and I do hope we didn't wear you out here with the miscellaneous undertakings I had on tap for you. I assure you we enjoyed every minute of your company, and Juanita had a good time with Rebecca.

I cannot begin to tell you how gorgeous the azalea you folks sent really was. I really felt almost bad about getting it, because I fear you paid too much. I never saw, much less had, a prettier one; it was solid as could be in brilliant red blooms which just a few days ago finally gave up. The plant is still in good shape, and I believe I can keep it and coax it into blooming again next year by setting it outside. Azaleas are cool weather plants, and the big fight here is to keep them in shaded and moist locations in our hot summer. We thank you over and over, but certainly hope you didn't feel you owed us any such acknowledgment.

Morse and I made another trip to Bells and completed a good sampling of the rest of the territory in between the pieces so far found. We worked from the hill where you and I quit on back up to the trailer house locale and then over to where your little piece was found; there was much good searching territory, but we found nothing. Then we went on north of the line of pieces found and searched some entirely new territory with equally negative results. Some negroes wrote me they had some pieces, but they were flint and iron-ore stained nodules.

We had a long spell of bad weather and the Bells pieces on the ground have now been thru a snow, but maybe we can get back up there and hunt a bit more soon. Brown is especially ambitious to do so, and was in the office this morning vowing he'd find a piece personally to catch up with me!