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Dear friend Du Solier:

I am returning your manuscript "La Zona Arqueologica De Buena Vista Huaxcama, S. L. P." with my comments written on it, especially on the last part.

Because of the fact that I have not seen most of your pottery, or the plates showing the types, I cannot evaluate your descriptions very well. I am sure that Dr. Griffin will be able to give you a much better opinion on the organization of your types than I can.

Where you compare certain culture traits in the Huasteca with the Southeastern United States, I have made a number of changes, and provided the name of the focus in which the trait appears, in some cases, because it is not found generally in the Caddoan area or Southeast, but is limited to certain foci. In the case of round houses and group burials, I don't think there is any correlation to be made for these are quite distinct in the Caddoan area and they just happen to meet in the Belcher site which Dr. Webb excavated; in general the group burials are early in the Caddoan area, being typical of Spiro, Haley, Gahagan, Sanders foci, but also continuing in two cases in the Belcher and McCurtain foci, although in our later horizon group burials are otherwise rare. In the Alto Focus, square houses appear later than round ones, but this is a special kind of square house and I am not sure what that means. In the rest of the Caddoan area, round houses appear later than square or rectangular ones, and this is also true of the Plains area. It would be better not to include your paragraph on houses until this is worked out better. However, you can include the trait of group burials as common to Huasteca and an early horizon in Caddo.

I believe Dr. Griffin has the manuscript you mentioned in your letter. Also, I think that he is planning to make two papers, one on the Buena Vista archaeological zone, and another on the pottery of Buena Vista and the Caddoan area. With two papers we might be allowed an extra plate in American Antiquity. However, we shall see what he thinks will be best.

Thank you very much for sending your manuscript, and I am very glad to have been able to help a little on it. If you can use my suggestions, I am happy to give them. With good wishes and saludos,

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