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Dear Don:

Mr. and Mrs. Mike George
Route 3
Oregon, Mo. 64473

My apologies for not getting an answer to your

Dear Mr. and Mrs. George:

answer for not getting a proper answer at that. I checked

I am returning (enclosed) the pottery sherd that was found in soil excavated from the basement of your new house. Also a copy of a letter from Dr. Carl Chapman to us here at the museum containing comments on the artifacts from your basement excavation. (I had previously mailed 35mm color slides of these artifacts to him.)

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As you will note, he has had an accident and so this would account for his delay in replying.

Orchard Cove Noland - there could be Late Archaic - still other Late Woodland

Missouri

It seems that he is as confused as we are at such a wide array of culturally separate artifacts being found in the same place. Maybe our first explanation is the best after all - that your hilltop was a burial place for a very long period of time that included many cultural periods and you built your house right in the middle of it.

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is of historic type. If the material is clay - it is historic - if stone

then possibly Indian.

Will try to get by your place again when I have the time.

Sincerely,

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to try to interpret them. Sorry not to be of more help.

DoonL. Reynolds, Asst. Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

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I will write the property owners when my fingers are

well enough to type again - am recovering from an accident to

two of them are stuck in my left hand.

Again thanks for informing me of the finding + for the

photos.

Best regards

Carl Chapman

P.S. Will return the slides if you would like me to do so.

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Dear Don:

My apologies for not getting an answer to you sooner - and for not getting a proper answer at that. I checked the slides you sent and really could not make much sense out of the materials. The lanceolate point of dark stone appeared to have early type flaking on it except that the basal part was not in character with the rest of the point. Two points could be early Archaic - one a Graham Cave Notched - other could be Late Archaic + still other Late Woodland and Mississippi - a very confusing array - especially when you add a Nebo Hill type celt, Middle to Late Woodland pottery and celts and grooved axes that could be either Late Archaic or Middle Woodland or a clay-head that is of historic type. If the marble is clay - it is historic - if stone then possibly Indian.

In any instance it is a confusing array of artifacts and without any evidence of their context - I am at a loss to try to interpret them. Sorry not to be of more help.

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Again thanks for informing me of the finding + for the photos.

Best regards

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