

and to add any significant relationship that I may chance to observe from the evidence at hand.

In regard to your inquiry concerning a cooperative project between one of your graduate students and myself, I can say at this time that the decision rests upon ~~my~~ my father who has been responsible for the investigation and collection of our archeological material. Our original plan was to publish our findings on the completion of my Ph.D. If circumstances do not permit getting the material into publishable form after completion of my doctorate, then I feel that Father would commend a joint authorship between himself and one of your students. I feel as you do that too little is known of our local Indian culture to keep available evidence buried in field notes and unpublished manuscripts.

It may be of interest to you that Dr. Caryl Smith, our archeologist at K.V. has recently returned from a nine month cruise in the eastern Pacific Ocean, including Easter Island. This expedition was financed by Thor Heyerdahl who is author of "Kon Tiki". According to Smith, there is no convincing evidence that man's dispersal into the Pacific Islands, was from South America, but according to Heyerdahl there is conclusive evidence that they did.

Sincerely James W Bee