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Preface

The papers included in this volume of the UCAS Reports were all presented, essentially as they appear here, at the Second Annual Great Basin Archaeological Conference, held at the Southwest Museum, Los Angeles, California, in August and September, 1955.

The publication of these various papers is in no way connected with the Great Basin Archaeological Conference as an organization, but represents that fraction of the many papers presented at the meetings, which was the contribution to the Conference by individuals affiliated with the University of California Archaeological Survey at Berkeley.

A good part of California archaeology is not directly concerned with the Great Basin as a geographical unit; nevertheless there are many problems, for example even in the archaeology of Central California, which demand an extension of research beyond local geographical, not to say political, borders. This situation is reflected here by the inclusion of two papers (Nos. 42, 43), one relating to the Carson Sink area and the other to the Lower Humboldt Valley, Nevada. The remainder of the papers are applicable entirely or partly to that part or continuation of the Great Basin which is included within the present political borders of California.