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Dear Don:

I am just dropping a line to say hello, and to say that I (and the Conference!) missed not seeing you at Vancouver.

It was nice to see Jeff again - our first reunion since Dierke's Lake! Jeff's demonstration, as you expect, was great. The demonstration was badly needed at the conference. The archeologist Johan Kanninga had worked in Australia together with a fracture mechanics expert named Brian Cotterell - for years, I hear. Would you believe it that Cotterell had never seen a knapping demonstration - not even on film! Well, Jeff helped to change that. I told Cotterell about your films. He'll try to obtain them for use by himself and other fracture mechanics experts in Australia.

The conference was unique in getting contributions from real fracture mechanics experts, from Australia (Cotterell, Lawn and Marshal). Lawn is extremely well known in his field. Although these people got involved in connection with use/wear studies, there is little doubt in my mind that their major contributions are eventually going to be on the mechanics of fractures related to manufacture, more than use, of stone implements.

I was at the conference as an engineer, of course. I am sure I would have generated a lot of nonsense without the knapping you taught me.

With best regards,

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