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Dear Are:

Thank you so much for your very kind letter informing me of the very successful meeting in Vancouver. I wanted to come in the worst way, not so much for the meeting but the opportunity to see friends like you. Lucy Lewis Johnson told me of your kindness in inviting her and Karen to your home for a rock breaking session. This last year has been a sad and traumatic one for me but at last I think I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I would like to be able to come to the S. A. A. meeting in New Orleans but there pending legal matters that will have to be resolved first. The attorney has given me hopes that it will be sometime in May. These things take so long. Francois Bordes was here last week and we had a very pleasant visit for four days and did the first knapping in almost a year. I did however make some prismatic blades for the surgeon, since I couldnt use the chest crutch I devised a short pressure tool that was held by hand, it seems to take less pressure than the chest gismo. Gene Titmus was over and he tried the hand holding approach and was able to remove five and a half inch blades. The two surgeons were delighted with the results. These experiments are becoming a little boring, I suppose the next will be a trephining experiment.,this I need.

Are this is the first attempt at writing, when I sit it pinches my new dacron aorta and bilateral femoral bypasses. I feel that I must at least make an attempt to say hello to a special friend and ask your forgiveness for the long silence.

With kindest personal regards,

Don Crabtree

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