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Dear Mr. Thompson:

I am so sorry to be so tardy in answering your letter of Feb. 29, also I am sorry that you didnt get to Urbana last Dec. For one familiar with some of the problems of stone flaking it is not difficult to show them how to do another technique# or other techniques. By letter it is another problem as with any manual skills it is esier to show one. I could suggest that upon the application of pressure to the margins you have to developpe the proper ratio of inward and outward forces, the platform is placed in direct allignment with the ridge of the previous flake scar. The ridges must be maintained in order to remove long, narrow, parallel flakes, Also the platform is removed with each flake detached, this of course leaves a sharp cutting edge on the implement.

I would suggest that you get in touch with Dr. Earl H. Swanson, Dept. of Anthropology, Idaho State University and see what publications on Lithic Technology are available. Also we have a series of sound movies in color on stone working techniques, they will be available for rent or purchase. Ithink that you will find them of interest. Ido wish that I could be of more help at this time, but as you know a picture is worth a thousand words.

Very Sincerely yours,

Don Crabtree

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