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Dr and Mrs Don E. Crabtree,
Twin Falls Idaho.

Dear Don and Evelyn,

Thankyou for the reprint of your most interesting paper on Hohokam point replication. It finally reached us in Canberra where I am a Research Fellow for 1973/74 in the Research School, as above. We will be here until June 1974 after which we will be going back to our Palo Alto home.

My wife Muriel is enjoying this our second visit to Australia in the past three years. I am trying to get the film on Kitja and Djaru pressure flaking worked up for printing with sound. So far there has been neither time on my hands or the funds in our South Australian Board for Anthropological Research organization, but this may change soon.

My magnum opus, on the Aboriginal Tribes of Australia with a four sheet map is at present in galley form with the University of California Press and I am waiting now for the proofs of the color and black and white plates. It should be out in the coming spring if all goes well.

Under separate cover we are sending you an illustrated book on the Australian aborigines which my daughter Beryl helped me to arrange. There are some errors in it because we did not see the proofs of the plates, but we have caught all but one in the Errata sheet which you will see in the front. I thought you might be interested in the picture of roller pressure flaking and the color of Australia.

We hope that you will not forget to look us up, whenever you are in the Bay area. There is a copy of the pressure flaking film still with me there.

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The archaeology of the Australians is being steadily pushed back with proven beds with tools at around 29000 BP and another site almost as well authenticated at around 39000 BP.

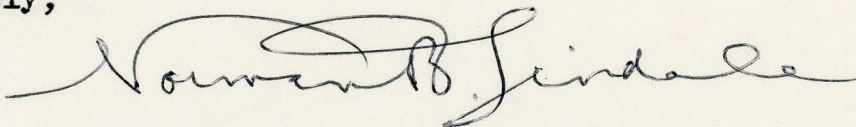
The Kimberley points, of which you are now the last (almost) maker are not yet dated archaeologically, but are probably not more than a few thousand years old in their arrival in Australia.

Dr Joseph Birdsell, of UCLA, my associate on several of our Australian projects is here as a research fellow on sabbatical from UCLA so we are having an interesting time and exchanging data.

We are going to South Australia for the Christmas holiday season to see my son and my daughter's families. Then back to Canberra for the rest of our stay in Australia.

With warmest greetings to you both,

Sincerely,



Norman B. Tindale

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