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Dear Norman:

Today I received your beautiful book "The Australian Aborigines" and am overwhelmed by your generosity in sending me this valuable contribution to archaeology. I, of course, have not had time to read it but did take an hour to scan hurriedly through it and am very impressed and certainly glad to add it to my library. It is still my hope to someday come to Australia and see the stoneworkers in action but I guess they are rapidly disappearing according to Dick Gould. I am really impressed with the dates you give of the australians of 29000 BP and 39000 BP. I have not heard about Dick's work last summer but it, also, promises to be interesting.

I do hope you film on Kitja and Djaru pressure flaking worked up with sound. This would be historical fact and certainly of interest to us struggling experimenters. Hope you will attend the meetings in Washington in May and we can get together there. I have been trying the roller pressure flaking and have had some success but certainly your films would be a help in authenticating or debunking my method.

Norman, I am most impressed with the blades shown in the upper left-hand corner of page 56 of your book. They look simple but actually this is a very sophisticated technique and they must come from a specially prepared core $\mu\beta$ and certainly can not be classified as random flakes. I hope your text will elaborate further on these specimans.

Please give our regards to your wife and your family and I hope we can have another visit when you are again in the States.

Thanks again for remembering me.

With kindest personal regards,

Don E. Crabtree

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