

4th June, 1978.

Mr. Don E. Crabtree,
Kimberly, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Crabtree,

I'd like to extend my congratulations to you on receiving your doctorate from the University of Idaho.

My work on the Kooli Fora material is proceeding steadily. The replicative work is basically done, and I will spend next year in Kenya carrying out functional experiments and analysing excavated materials.

We have a site at Lake Turkana, about 1.5 million years old, where we've been able to conjoin many pieces back together, including all the flakes from a unifacial 'chopper' (found in a very small area & the same level.) We've sent Larry Keeley in Chicago a sample of silicious flakes for micro-wear analysis, which he's doing this summer.

We may be coming through Idaho this summer (my wife, Kathy, is carrying out an experimental program in site formation and burial processes.) If you are interested in our work, we'd be glad to show you what we're up to. I have a small collection of artifact types and different raw materials from the Kooli Fora region. Also, I could probably send you a sample of replications from Kenya next year, if you are interested.

Yours very truly,
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(Thanks again for telling me about the workshop last year.)

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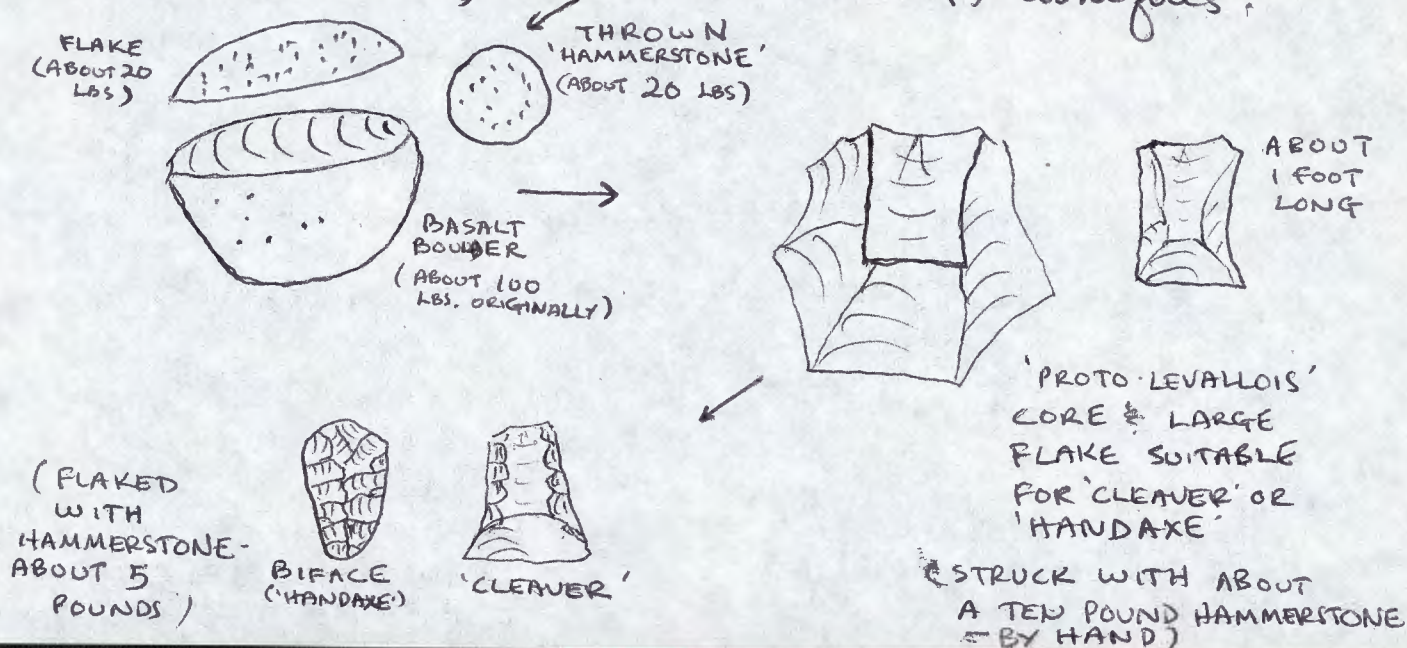
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P.S. - Desmond Clark and I hope to write an article this summer on Acheulean flaking techniques (a general survey in Africa.) This would include quarrying techniques for striking off large flakes, plus trimming into tool forms, rejuvenation, etc.

We'd very much like to hear any suggestions you might have about such an article.

Mr. Peter Jones of Oxford, working with Mary Leakey at Olduvai Gorge, has been doing some exciting work in this respect, noting differences in the Olduvai raw materials.

Along the same lines, I have found that throwing one boulder against a larger one enables a person to remove large flakes up to about twenty pounds. This is especially useful when trying to "get into" a spherical boulder of basalt... once the first flake is removed, you have a good platform for knocking off other large flakes with a heavy hammerstone, by more conventional techniques.



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