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Dear Dr. Crabtree,

Just returned to Berkeley. On the way back from Kenya this summer, Kathy and I were able to attend Keeley's workshop in Chicago on microwear. The 1.5 m.y. artifacts from Koobi Fora have definite wear traces (for the cherts & chalcedonies), and Larry and I will be coming out with a report in Nature on this. Larry claims the edges of the Koobi Fora artifacts are fresher than the mesolithic tools from Meer he's examined!

Had a very productive year in Africa... finished my experimental program, and am now beginning to write up. Kathy's work on site formation is progressing well; many of her sites were flooded & buried, then excavated. She's getting a good handle on how to judge how disturbed a site is.

We spent last week with Glynn and others in the Mt. St. Helens area, observing ash falls and reworking by water.

The research team is coming out with an article in World Archaeology on one of the Oldowan sites at Koobi Fora. Preservation is excellent, so that we'll be able to say more definite things about diet and technology. The technology was very simple, and I replicated all of the lava cores from the site in order to compare experimental and archaeological debitage patterns. There are some interesting differences. I'll send you a reprint when it comes out.

I plan to be in California for the coming year. I would still be very interested in coming to the University of Idaho to talk with you if this could be arranged. I've brought back a quantity of Oldowan and early Acheulean replicas, samples of raw materials, a few original artifacts, casts of hominid skulls, etc. as well as slides. I'd be glad to give a presentation or meet with you privately (hopefully both!) to explain my research designs. Please let me know if this could be possible, perhaps for the fall or winter.

Desmond was in India early this year, and will be going to Ethiopia this coming winter.

Hope all is well with you. I look forward to the possibility of finally getting together with you.

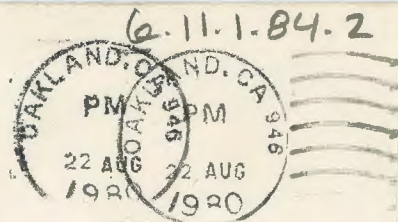
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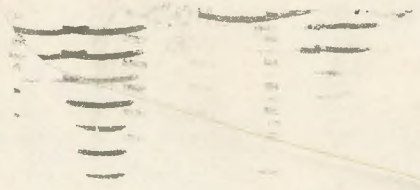
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