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Dear Jacques:

We were so happy to hear from you and to know that you received the package and glass knife. You can hope that Juliette will dull it soon and you can then retouch the edge and make it much sharper than it is now.

Your work in Morocco sounds exciting and I do hope your site there will be most rewarding. It would be a pleasure to be there with you and your crew for I am particularly fond of the desert.

The new glass you describe will be interesting to try. Like obsidian it is slightly variable and the opaque colored glass is not as good as the clear crystal.

I have cut some tips of both deer and elk antler for your crutch tips which I will send to you soon. They are harder and stronger than the reindeer. I have recently been able to make blades from obsidian by using just the blunt tip of some hard wood from Mexico, but it requires preparing a new surface after each blade removal and I haven't been able to finish a complete core without using a metal or antler tip. Also, the obsidian platform does not crush as easily with antler as it does with the metal tip. My apprentice and I want to use a combination of pressure with percussion to experiment further with the Capsian core. As it is getting warmer now and I can work outside, I shall try soon more blades of the French flint. I hope to have some good Capsienne cores and blades soon and all the notes regarding the experiments.

I am now sawing you some more obsidian from Oregon and will also include a block from Iceland. Don't expect good results with the Iceland material. It seems very brittle and it is hard to complete a core without step-fractures and also the blades break. Even obsidian differs in workability.

I have just finished the paper on obsidian cores and as soon as it is printed will send you a copy. I surely did enjoy your two papers - the one on the Capsienne and the one on the Ostrich eggs. A most exciting find.

I am so sorry to hear that Francois Bordes has been ill with high blood pressure and do hope the dies has returned him to good health. Evelyn is on the last 100 pages of the Les Eyzies tapes and should have them out soon and hopes to send you and Francois a copy. Unfortunately, your coverage was not on the tapes - guess Bovier forgot to turn up the volume, but it was most disappointing to me to have missed getting this in the report.

Will be sending your package soon and thank again for your nice letter. Do you have a new address? I notice a change of address but will send this letter to Paris at the old address until I hear further from you.

Sincerely, your friend

Don Crabtree

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