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Monsieur D.E. CRABTREE  
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Dear Don,

I received the magnificent package of obsidian lumps you sent me. It is a true treasure for me and I am more grateful than I can express. I'll saw this beautiful material and shall experiment on all sorts of obsidian of the package. I'll tell you my results.

I also got your letter and your two postcards : one from Mexico and one from Southern California. Thank you. What about the manzanilla wood as a pressure flaker ?

I have not been experimenting very much in jannary and february but I made a film during march asked by the National Pedagogic Institute : 20 minutes, 35 mm, colour, with sound and an international tape for possible comments in other languages than french. I showed only some techniques : chopping-tools, hand - axe by percussion with a reindeer antler, blades, scrapers, burins, arrow - head and also absidian blades by pressure flaking with a crutch. I'll give your name in my comments for it is your own discovery.

The National Pedagogic Institute was very kind, giving me the opportunity to use a 10,000 frames per second camera. I'm waiting for the results . I'll write to

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you on this point and, ~~if I can~~ , if I can, send you some photographs. I hope the University of Pocatello will be able to buy this film, so you can see it.

I spent one day, a week ago, in the new laboratory of François and he showed me the slides of your experiments together and I was also happy to see your house and the place where you use to work. He told me a lot of things about his wonderful stay in your home.

I'll send to Earl Swanson the list of the reproductions the University of Pocatello could buy.

What can I do for you ? What do you need I send you ? I want to show you my gratitude for your beautiful package. Thank you again.

Sincerely, your friend,

*Jacques*

J. TIXIER

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