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Dear Don,

I apologize for this long delay without writing but I know François gave you some news.

Here is my project :

- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of March: University of Chicago.
- From the 28<sup>th</sup> of March to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April: Tucson University (Arizona), where I'll meet François. Arthur Jelinek invited me in his laboratory.
- Then I'll go to Kimberly : from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of April.

But there is a problem : my wife will perhaps accompany me and I 'm afraid there will be a lot of people in your house: Denise, François, my wife and me. Please, Don, tell me frankly if it is too much. The dates I give you are not yet sure. I'll confirm you these dates as soon as possible.

I'm most anxious to see you and work on :

- Capsian "Debitage" by chest-pressure. I'll preform some flint cores in a capsian manner.
- Flaking blades on obsidian cores by chest-pressure.
- Edge-ground cobble technique. I know some edge ground cobbles from Epipalaeolithic and Neolithic cultures in Africa. They were, as you told me, supposed to be grinding Stones...

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-I'll show you good examples of capsian technique : blades, "crested blades", microburins, trapeziums etc. jointed on their cores from prehistoric working places in Sahara.

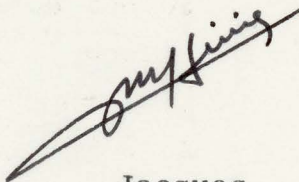
Capsian and Neolithic workers rejuvenated the top of their cores place by place, flake by flake, by direct percussion but got sometimes a plunging flake "causing the opposite side to be rounded" and I believe it was "by accident".

I'll show you my film. I'm now ~~editing~~ *working* on the sound-tape ( I don't know the exact word ! ).

I'll send you some large Grand-Pressigny flint nodules and François told me he will send Bergeracois flint for we plane to work hard !... Tell me if you need something more I can find in France.

I read François' book "The old stone Age". It is the most important contribution to Prehistory from years... What a good book !

It will be so marvellous to meet Evelyne and you again, work under your directions and know spring in Idaho !  
Sincerely



Jacques

P.S. I'm trying to avoid the slip of the ivory tip of my crutch by wet sand put on the edge of the platform...

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