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Dear Jacques - Juliette and Dom:

Thank you so much for your letter of Oct. 1st and excuse the tardy reply. Have been having more sickness and have had to take Evelyn back and forth to Salt Lake City for more radiation and chemotherapy treatments. The lung is much improved, but the doctors have now found cancer in the bones of both arms and so we have had to start on the Chemotherapy treatments. These are intravenous injections of Cytosar - a poison - which make her very ill. However, the arms are greatly improved so we can only hope and pray that the treatments will be effective. Please thank Juliette and Dom for their kind letters during this illness and explain that Evelyn has not answered them for she was unable to use the arms and the mobility is still very limited.

I am returning the Sheritake cone photos. These have been a great help to me and I had the University make duplicates for my files. By studying the photos, I have been able to reproduce these cones and blades and find that a cone of this type yields unbelievable quantities of blades. A very economical blademaking technique.

Had the lithic technology field school this last August and Sept. and really had some fine students this year. My, they learn so quickly. Believe one of the students - Carl Phagan - will be going to Panama to teach a course with Dr. Loftin. Phagan was really a fine student and very adept at pressure work. Luckily, Bordes was here during part of the school so the students were lucky enough to have two days of his expert instruction. Everyone wished that Tixier were here too to advise on typology as well as "do his thing" on blades and cones. I came up with a slightly different blademaking technique which gives very long and straight blades with minute platforms. Francois will tell you about it when he sees you but essentially it is using a soft hammerstone of sandstone (on obsidian) and using a striking technique like the Turkish method described by Jacques Bordes. It works well and Francois - Naturally - was able to master it right off.

Because Evelyn developed the bone cancer, Swanson cancelled plans for the Cro Magnon project for next year - but it is only delayed not cancelled. We are so very sorry about this, but hope you can get a lecture series in the states next year and come anyway. Francois says he plans to be back next year and maybe you could come with him. Think of the things we three could accomplish here in Kimberly with no interruptions.

Am enclosing some slides which are not very good and which should have been sent sooner. Perhaps you will enjoy them and maybe I can learn to be a better photographer.

Please give our love to your wonderful women and do hope we see both you and Dom here next year.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree

P.S. Tell Michel that I am still looking forward to his book. Is it published yet.

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