

February 23, 1980

Dear Jacques,

My apologies for having to go to the hospital, and of all times it couldn't have happened at a worse time. There were so many things that I wanted to ask you about and get you an assortment of minerals. I will try to get a piece of Bruneau jasper for you. I am thankful that Gene and Wilma were here so that you weren't stranded in a strange country with no friends. I know they enjoyed your company, and I do hope that you were able to get some bifaces to take back with you. I would like to have given you an assortment of Guadalajara peacock obsidian.

I was in the hospital for five days and, fortunately, I didn't have to have surgery. The doctor said that since I was on anti-coagulants the surgery would be very dangerous and so they agreed to forego that unless a dire emergency. Hopefully I will not have another of these attacks.

Both my doctors enjoyed you so very much at lunch. I did hate to leave you alone with four strangers, but they're great people and I am fortunate to have them as my friends.

I was most impressed by Jacques Pelgrin. I do hope he has a chance to work obsidian.

Please send me a note of your schedule as to when you will be in Nice or in Paris so that I may be able to send you some samples. Jacques, you don't know how much I appreciate your giving me your favorite knife. I only hope that you will be able to replace it. I have resharpened

it and taken the knotch out of the blade, and it is fine razor steel and will shave with no trouble. Your gift will always be cherished, and I use it every day. I shall always be in debt to you.

I hope your return trip was very pleasant and you didn't suffer too much from "jet lag". Again, I am sorry that our visit was much too short, and I do hope you will be able to make a return trip when we will have a lot of time to spend together.

Your friend,

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Hi! from Wilma and Gene!

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