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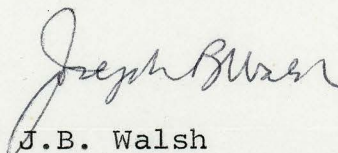
Mr. Don E. Crabtree  
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Dear Mr. Crabtree:

I was talking with Frank Hole a few weeks ago, and he said that you had rediscovered the technique for making flint blades. I got interested in the problem when I first met Frank in Iran in 1960, and I have dabbled in it ever since, off and on. I made a few reasonable facsimiles, starting with small cores I had picked up in Iran. They were rather crude, however, and I was never successful in starting from rock which hadn't been previously worked.

I would be very interested in learning about your approach. Have you written anything about it, or could you describe it?

Sincerely yours,



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