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Dear Miss Weber:

I am more than delighted and grateful for the sacks of Novaculite. I had none of this material and it will mean a great deal to me in my experiments. Please convey my thanks to Dan Morse and Mr. Frank Thompson of the Arkansas Abrasives.

The material is superb and I will be most anxious to try working it. It was interesting to examine the fractures which resulted from shipping. Unfortunately the shipping sacks developed holes and some of the debitage was lost. Two of the pieces resembled man-made cores. Ed Wilmsen and I have had an experiment going for some time in natural fractures. We ship obsidian by mail back and forth between Ann Arbor and Kimberly and so far have gotted good pseudo choppers, blades, flakes with platforms and cores. We have not tried the harder siliceous stones like Novaculite.

I also want to test this material for heat alteration to see if and how it responds. I think the sample was very generous and should be sufficient for the time being.

Thanks again to all of you for the very fine material.

Very sincerely yours,

Don E. Crabtree

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