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Dear Mr. Walsh :

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 17th regarding blademaking techniques. I am not familiar with Iran material but, from your letter would presume that you are referring to microblades. There are so many diverse blademaking techniques - some by percussion, some by pressure, some by the punch method, etc. - which makes it difficult to answer your question for you did not say which blade technique you were referring to.

An enclosing herewith reprints of the Corbiac blade technique and also the prismatic blades of Mexico which may be of interest to you. However, if you are making microblades or percussion blades, then neither of these articles would apply to your technique.

It is always a pleasure to hear from someone interested in flint technology and would be happy to hear of your reproductions of the Iran material. Would also suggest that you write to Dr. Earl Swanson, Idaho State University, The Museum, Pocatello, Idaho 83201 who can furnish you with a list of publications on flint technology. Also, perhaps you would like to subscribe to the museum journal "Tebiva". I believe the annual dues are \$1.50 and this would keep you current with my publications on various techniques.

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtree

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