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Dear George:

Thank you for your most interesting and informative letter of Jan. 21st and my gratitude for the well illustrated publications. When the weather warms and I continue experiments in function, these will be invaluable for the study of hafting techniques. The illustrations in the books you sent show how blades were affixed to a shaft with additional weight at the distal end. This is a simple method and much more effective than a hand-held blade. Come spring, I will try this interesting sickle.

Last year I cut a large quantity of mature grass with a wide blade held in the unprotected hand. This proved to be a very satisfactory harvesting tool but, strangely enough, after much cutting there was no functional polish on the cutting edge - however, a polish did develop on both faces from holding the piece with dirty hands.

The use of burins still presents many problems. They too must have been hafted because hand-holding leaves much to be desired. Perhaps some day one will understand their efficient use. If plans materialize, we will have a session here in Idaho with Bordes and Tixier to manufacture and use tools to determine the function of many tools. Even then we can only imply function so it makes one wish he could turn back the time clock for even a brief glimpse of man's past activities.

Actual paleo-indian artifacts are most difficult to come by - other than plastic casts from the Museum of Natural History in Denver. However, I will start working on some representative replicas for you.

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending such a lovely Christmas card of Zurich in 1940. You must have e.s.p., for we stayed in a small hotel in this very scene when we were in Zurich in 1964. It brought back many pleasant memories.

The meeting with Bordes in Urbana, Ill. was very successful but there are no plans to write any record of the happenings there. At this time I know of no forthcoming meeting in Europe, but Dr. Wornington keeps me advised of the activities abroad and if and when I do hear of anything, I shall let you know.

You are doing a great job and I just hope your interest in lithic technology will continue.

Yours truly,

Don E. Crabtree

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