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Dear George:

Please accept my utmost thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending more specimens of the Swiss Lake Dwellers. They will be invaluable to me in the functional analysis of tool types and use and also will furnish more subtle characteristics regarding the technology of blademaking. I like the natural uncleaned specimens as they show that they were recovered from underwater. I would suppose that by this time you have received the few specimens of flaking techniques which I sent. It has been some time since I have made a Folsom point and it takes time to develop the exacting control required to remove the channel flakes from both faces.. I sent the base of a Folsom which was broken during manufacture using hand-held pressure. Normally, I have better success using the indirect or punch technique.

I have recently tried, with some success, cutting jade and obsidian by using a coarse-textured flint blade. Sandstone has been much too slow but it may be due to the constituents of the sandstone. A mica schist containing garnet might be faster than either the flint or sandstone but, unfortunately, I have none on hand at this time. Saw evidence of this being used at the Grasshopper site in Arizona.

I am enclosing some drawings to explain the technique of splitting glass blocks after they are scored with a glasscutter. I have had much success with this technique.

I will meet with Francois Bordes in Pullman, Washington on April 9 to 13th and am looking forward to working with him again. Know you will enjoy your visit with him this summer.

Just received a letter from Hans Muller-Beck and he mentions that he would be glad to meet with you. He has many good publications on technology but, unfortunately, they are in German and I cannot do them justice. His address is Institut Fur Urgeschichte, Der Universitat Tubingen (Jagerische Archaologie), Tubingen, Schlob. You might want to get in touch with him. Also might mention that Idaho State Univ. has five flintknapping films which can be purchased or rented which you might like to see. Covers everything from the quarry to pressure work. You can write about them to Dr. Earl Swanson, Idaho State Univ. Pocatello, Idaho 83201.

Again, thanks for your letters and the collection which I will ultimately loan to the students for study.

Your friend,

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