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Dear George:

"Thank you" is not enough for the rare, priceless hafted blade you recently sent to me. I can not tell you how much I appreciate this specimen or convey to you the pleasure and information derived from this implement of the prehistoric past. I study it and marvel that after fifty centuries the cement and wood are still preserved. Cements were, no doubt, used far more extensively than present-day archaeologists realize. The Indians of the U.S. West Coast used asphalt as a dopping cement and it was traded in abalone shell containers. A list of all the known adhesives would be most interesting.

I am glad that you like the specimens I sent but it seems such an inferior exchange for the priceless gifts you have sent to me. All the tools will help me in my work.

The base of the Folsom I included was just an after-thought and there is nothing missing. It was a miscalculation during manufacture - just an example of what can happen during fabrication. I will send you a good Folsom point as soon as the weather permits working outside again. It may take me some time to get the proper feel and practice for the fluting, as I have not made any Folsoms for some time. The piece of siliceous material was only partly worked and some of the original surface was intentionally left to show the change in texture after heating.

A busy getting my kit and materials ready to leave this week to meet with Bordes in Washington. I am sure we will discuss your keen interest in stone tools.

Thanks again for the specimens.

Your friend,

Don E. Crabtree

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