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Dear George:

Thank you for my first Christmas card of the season. It is a very cute card, and I am so pleased to hear from you.

I am sending you some publications that you may find of interest; however, I am always ashamed of any writing and I never re-read them. It is just not one of my talents, but at least I have a lot of words here.

The formal report on the Wyoming site will not be completed until sometime in the spring and at that time I do hope to obtain you a copy from George Frison from the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

I thank you for the publication on the Grand Pressigny blade with the unifacial retouch. It is certainly a most interesting tool. When the weather warms I look forward to being able to attempt replication of the Grand Pressigny blades. It is certainly a technology that requires a great deal of study and to attain the skills that these people had at this time is very formidable. I just hope that I can come close. The core that you sent me has the appearance of being a gigantic Folsom point flaked on one side. I will always cherish this core as being one of the finest examples that I have ever seen, and I am very fortunate to be able to have this. It means so much when you can see the actual flaking technique and the procedure. It gives me a great insight into the various techniques incorporated in removing these beautiful blades. It is indeed a great challenge to try to make a replication. There are blades similar to this that have been detached from unknown cores in Belize. The cores haven't been excavated or found yet that the blades were derived from. The excavations for the 1980 season should be very revealing and should furnish some core material; that is, to see if there is any similarity between the Belize blades and the Grand Pressigny blades.

I am still convalescing from the last surgery and am still not back to normal. I will get in touch with you by telephone sometime in the near future - I find it much easier than writing.

Your friend,

Don Crabtree

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