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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Dear Sir,

Your name was given to me by Dick Gould and he suggested I make contact with you. As Dick will confirm I have been interested in the making and using of bone, wood, shell and stone tools for some time now.

At present I reside in the Kimberley region (coincidence?) of Western Australia, the home of Australian Aboriginal pressure flaking of biface projectile points from 1.5cms. to 15cms. long in stone and up to 30cms.+ in glass or procelain. In my rambles I have had repeated references to 'cooking' stones prior to flaking and wish to follow my research up with a paper on the subject. I saw a reference to your work on this aspect of stone working in Pfeiffer 'The Emergence of man' and would be grateful if you would allow me to have copies of any papers you may have done on heat treatment of stones, in fact if you could spare any copies of anything on lithic technology I would be most grateful.

I have made and used the whole Australian tool kit at various times but apart from pressure flaking and blade flaking, large triangular blades not // sides ones, most are fairly easy to make. Our pressure flaking, done with wood and stone and bone tools (nowadays glass is worked with wire) is done as you know, on a bench stone rather than being held on the knee or in the palm of the hand. Perhaps you would like a flaking kit from the Kimberleys. If so, I will try and get one.

My address in Western Australia is:-

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I am Anthropologist and Community Development Advisor for them. I hope this does not inconvenience you in any way.

Yours sincerely,

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