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Mr. Don E. Crabtree,  
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Dear Don,

Thank you for the off prints and Barbara Purdie's paper on thermal alteration. I am at present trying to write a paper on the production of large pointed blades such as those used by the Arnhem Land and Central Australian Aborigines for knives, spearheads etc. It is a levallois technique that I think is really sophisticated. Pressure flaking continues and I enclose two specimens of my own.

I sent Francois Bordes some of my Blades as he and Charles Douth of the W.A. Museum are doing a joint paper on levallois techniques in Australia.

Would it be possible to get samples of American Indian stonework through you or do you know any contacts who may like to swap some material. Dick Gould got me a few points from the East Coast but I would like to have a representative series of different implements.

The specimens I send are made of glass using the Kimberley technique. The flaking was entirely done with a thick wire flaker bound on to an ivory handle. Aborigines use the wire without the handle but I find it allows a better grip and avoids blisters.

I would appreciate your comments and will send you a draft of my notes on blade flaking when they are completed.

Thanking you again.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Kim Akerman

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