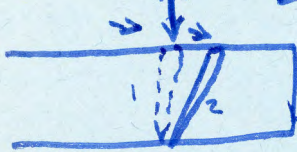


Dear Don,

how are you going in Idaho.

I have been plodding along with my work in the Kimberlies, and still trying to regularly flite your Folsom points. A week or so ago I was in Sydney and had hoped that they would have fluted points that I could examine - no luck though! I don't think there is any in Australia. Dick Gould gave me many years ago the lower  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a Cumberland point, but this is in storage. Last week I obtained some beautiful ten chest and produced my best point so far. Although it was certainly a poor specimen by your (and the old craftsmen's) standards, it really put my whole idea of stoneworking into turmoil. I have been trying to work on a paper on the philosophy of stoneworking - of trying to look beyond the limits of practicality into the realms of art, therapy, etc to explain <sup>what</sup> a good stoneworker feels about flaking and making with stone.

Unfortunately my clamp poses problems though. Primarily the problem seems to be caused by the point slipping and crushing the lateral edges when pressure is applied. I have tried tightening this clamp right up but this usually causes flakes to fly across the point.



I am now covering the area of the clamp that is in contact with the point with rawhide to avoid crushing the edges of the point. I would really appreciate any comments you have on clamps. Should there be a minimum weight to counteract any unnecessary movement or should it be fixed at the hinged end?

Some good news. Two papers on Victoria blades - their experimental manufacture etc should be out in the last quarter of this year and I have been elected to the Material Culture advisory committee of the Institute for Aboriginal Studies - I haven't had anything to do

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with the institute to date and so it should be an experience.  
I believe a former student of yours is at Balgo about  
200 miles S.E. of Derby. His name is Tom Hudson and  
he is working with Desert people on their stone technology.  
I fear Dick has already covered this area for the  
Desert. Tom seems a nice bloke and he had a hell of  
a fight to get to Balgo - blocked by petty bureaucrats in  
Perth after the Community had O.K'ed him. 1500 miles and  
the long arm of Departmental jealousy still has a grasp.

I have finally got some Kimberley points which are  
as good as the classic points produced between 1900 - 1960  
So will bundle them up and send them off.

cheers  
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