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Dear Kim:

I am still excited about receiving the beautiful artifacts. Your papers are great and I hope that they will be published in a journal that will have wide circulation. I would like to see them both in American Antiquity, The Society for American Archaeology. You are the only one that has factual knowledge about aboriginal technologies of Australia and will be the first any place that has factual first hand information about the actual heat treatment of silicious materials. So far in North and South America there has never been described any aboriginal

approach to tempering or annealing flintlike materials. There is only one site in Central Arizona where some ovens were found associated with lithic materials and thin laminated pieces of sandstone, possibly for dampening the heat and allow for slower heating and cooling of the material.

It is most interesting that you observed grinding and edge abrasion prior to flaking, the first evidence that I found in the states was flakes found at the Lindenmeier Site, it seems a characteristic of Early Man and then later disappeared, at least there is very little evidence. Too very few pressure flakes are recovered. I have used this technique at the various schools and demonstrations. Francois Bordes and I use it for both pressure and percussion. I gave Francois your address and told him to get in touch with you when he arrives in Australia in June.

Again thanks so much for everything and wish we could get together one day. Don

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