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Dear Kim:

I am so sorry to be tardy in answering your letter after receiving your fabulous tape. Everyone who has heard it has been most impressed, and whether you know it or not, of all continental peoples associated with the flint working industry apparently have used heat treatment but your observation is the first factual finding and so it is of great importance to the profession that all of your observations and remarks of the aboriginals be described in detail.

I am in a quandry to know how the tape could be presented. Your voice is very clear, but the native voices are not quite clear; but if you could translate or interpret their methods of heat treating silicious minerals, it would be an archaeological first.

I do hope you were able to see Francois Bordes and hope he had a successful summer. I informed him of your presence in Darby and am sorry this letter is unduly short, but I am still convalescing from another bout with illness and hospitalization.

With kindest regards,

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