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ENGLAND.

10 September 1970.

Dear Mr. Crabtree,

I am sure I do not need to tell you how well known your experimental work with Flint Ras become. Certainly we all know about it here at Cambridge University, where I am a research student of Dr. McBurney's. I have read two of your articles which appeared in "Tebwa" as well as your other article which appeared in "Science", and the report of the Le Eggie lithic technology conference. Dr. McBurney tells me that Mr. Fagan, who was at this university, came to visit you and in fact worked with you for a while. Mr. Fagan brought back some punch-struck blades with him and gave them to

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Dr. McBurney - but it is my melancholy duty to tell you that they seem to have got mislaid.

May I tell you my direct interest in this matter? As I say, I am a research student of Dr. McBurney's. I am shortly going to Czechoslovakia where I shall be studying the earliest upper palaeolithic industries. Of course, I want to establish their primary technological character, and will examine their striking platforms - if necessary, I hope, microscopically. For comparative purposes, I would like to have some specimens which we know were made by punch-struck methods. I wonder whether therefore I might ask you to lend me a few of your specimens in flint which you have manufactured, together with details of how you manufactured them? I do hope

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very much that I am not being too forward in making this request, and that you will not mind it. If the specimens are sent to this address, they will reach me safely. Of course, I will pay for any postage costs. I am at the same time now writing to the Idaho State Museum for a copy of the film "The Shadow of Man" which I see has been made (from Jacques Borday's new book), & when I pay for this I can include a postage element for you if you so wish.

If it is not possible for you to lend me some specimens, I wonder if you could tell me what, in your experience, are the diagnostic marks of punch-struck blades, as distinct from any other?

once more, I hope you will not

mind my making this request ; I shall be
very grateful if you can grant it.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Allsworth-Jones

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