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Dear Mr. Allworth - Jones:

C I thank you for the kind words about the experiments in lithic technology, I am only sorry that I cannot talk to you in person in order to point out some of the features and characteristics of the different blade styls. Please excuse the long delay in answering your letter of Sept. 10, my wife has been very ill with cancer and is still undergoing treatments so I have put everything aside for the time being. I found a note stating that Dr. Swanson replied to the inquiry about the film, I have hopes that you will be able to meet him, you will find that you will have much in common. He is in London now with Dr. Ean Cornwall. I have heard him speak of Dr. McBurney at Cambridge many times, so I am sure that they are friends and will get together while Swanson is there. It will be worth your while to contact Dr. Swanson as I am sure he will be able to answer some of your questions regarding blades.

O I have developed a new technique of blademaking by using a soft hammerstone and direct percussion and have been getting some results that are comparable to the puchstruck blades, but still havent developed the accuracy, of the punch blades. When using the punch the top of the core must be less than a 90 degree angle to prevent the punch from slipping, while the soft hammerstone can remove blades from a core with a flat top. I will send you the article on Corbiac blades which may help you in determining the technique used. I have sent all of the blades to the University including those made by Francois Bordes and Jacque Tixier, but as soon as I can get my wife well I will send you some made by several techniques. The Corbiac Paper will be sent under seperate cover. Please excuse this terrible letter for now.

P Sincerely yours,

Y Don Crabtree