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Dear Jim:

Thanks for your nice letter of Oct. 23rd and pardon the delay in answering. My father passed away on the 19th and so have been rather busy.

Thanks for the information on the coat and please feel free to keep this coat for as long as you need. If you want to put it on display, be my guest, for we are in no hurry to have it returned. We're only curious to learn a little of its history.

Certainly did enjoy the fifteen days with Bordes and we really did accomplish a lot in the way of experimenting. Am currently writing up the details of the Corbiac method of blade-making and then will send the paper to Bordes to have him fill in the details of the site, etc and then it will be published in Tebiwa. This is a new indirect percussion technique so it should make good reading - hope I can do it so the readers will understand it.

Have not heard from Bordes since his return to Europe on Oct. 21st. Am anxious to learn if he agrees with me on the Mannix site. Think he will, for there is no indication of flint-knapping on the specimens I saw.

Please give our regards to Joyce and the faculty at the University.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree





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Dear Don,

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I just finished reading your excellent article on cores and blades which appeared in the latest American Antiquity.

The article was most instructive and interesting and will be read widely I'm sure. Its value to archaeology and especially to those interested in lithic materials will be felt for a long time.

We need more of this kind of experimentation in archaeology.

I find it all very exciting.

My urban renewal historic archaeology project is continuing at a fast pace. I will be working on it for another year (in the field) at least. Then comes the writing stage. We recently received a substantial grant from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development so we can operate a little more efficiently.

Please say hello to Evelyn for us. Write sometime when you have time.

As Ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim".

Jim Ayres