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March 25, 1965

Dr. Raymond S. Baby
Ohio State Museum
Columbus, 10, Ohio

Dear Dr. Baby:

At the request of Dr. J. Desmond Clark of the Dept of Anthropology, University of California at Berkeley, I am writing to you in an effort to secure some Harrison County Indiana flint.

On April 19th, Dr. Francois Bordes is to arrive at Berkeley from the University of Bordeaux, France for purposes of making a film on knapping for J. Desmond Clark under the sponsorship of N.S.F. Happily, I have been invited to participate in this film - doing the pressure flaking, and Bordes doing the percussion work. Our problem now is lack of material and, in particular, flint.

Many years ago, H. Holmes Ellis and I secured a nice supply of the Harrison County, Indiana flint for the Ohio State Museum and I am wondering if this material is still on hand and, if so, would you be willing to part with it. If you do still have this material, would it be possible to secure it for purposes of making the above mentioned film. We are really lacking in flint and chert materials in the West and the Indiana material really compares favorably with the French flint.

Dr. Bordes is unable to bring along any of the French material with him and the package he shipped to Clark will arrive too late to be of any help. Therefore, any help you can give us in securing some of this fine material will be greatly appreciated.

In his letter to me, Clark mentioned that his N.S.F. budget allowed \$65.00 for securing material and we would hope that this amount would take care of the shipping costs from Ohio to California. In the event you do have this material and agree to let Clark have it, he requests that you ship it directly to him c/o the Lowie Museum.

We are really in great need of some good flint and, therefore, anything you can do to help us secure some good material will be greatly appreciated not only by Clark but also by myself and Dr. Bordes.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give us, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtree

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