

Route 1
Kimberly, Idaho

April 13, 1966

Mr. Michael W. Barnes
1035 West Tabor Road
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 10th and please excuse my tardy reply. Have had such a full schedule at I.S.U., that I am just catching up on personal correspondence.

Regarding your inquiry as to the means of perforating a flake, there are several ways to do this. A very successful technique is to: strike the side of the block of flint by direct percussion. This creates an internal cone. Then, by percussion, remove the flake containing the cone. When this flake comes loose from the block, it will intersect the cone and shear off the distal end of the cone, leaving a hole in the middle of the removed flake.

The forthcoming issues of "Tebiwa", will contain articles on the technique of flintknapping - starting with the April issue which will cover the fluting of a Folsom. Since you subscribe to this magazine, you will be getting future articles covering in greater detail the process of chipping a hole in a flake.

Thank you for your interest,

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtree