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Dear Mr. Crabtree,

For a long time I have admired your flint work from afar. I have now come into the situation in connection with a proposed project to take the liberty of asking your kind assistance.

During my study here at the University of Arizona I have specialized in the tools of the European Upper Paleolithic. Recently during a meeting with Prof. Bandi of Bern/Switzerland at Flagstaff he offered me the chance to do advanced study at Berne. The proposal is that research be conducted to determine the source or sources of flint used as raw material by the Magdalenian hunters at Moosbuhl. What Prof. Bandi has in mind are chemical-physical studies of the type recently conducted on obsidian. However, the mineralogist at Bern wants confirmation that such a study has been successfully done with flint elsewhere. Do you have knowledge of any site where flint as a raw material for tools has been traced to its source by the use of other than visual macroscopic inspection? To this end I have searched through site reports, monographs, and periodicals but with no success.

Any light that you could cast on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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