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Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter of March 10th and pardon the delay. Arrived home from the trip to Arizona to find a mountain of mail to be answered and am just on the final touches.

Received a letter from Dr. Bordes who is now in Tucson and he is delighted with the obsidian you sent. So am I, as I will be taking Jacques Tixier down there about April 20th and all three of us will work the rock together. Jacques will be here April the 9th and, after a work session here, we will drive to Tucson and meet Bordes there and all three work together. Then Bordes will come here about May 12th. So it looks like a lot of rock chipping ahead.

I would very much appreciate a piece of Hickoryite to see how it works. If it is good for experiments, I will inform the Museums and Universities. I hope the weather will soon permit working outside so I can make the polyhedral core and blades for you and would appreciate your sending a large piece of the obsidian for this work, as all I have are the small pieces I purchased. Will get around to that as soon as the weather permits.

I do hope that next winter we can get down El Paso way. We certainly plan to and then go on into Old Mexico. The schedule was so tight this year that we had to give it up and settle for the trip to Arizona. The artifacts you describe sound very exciting and I will look forward to seeing them.

I will be anxious to see the NBC special you mention on Rockhounding. Congratulations - would rather see you than Cary Grant. I cannot get you a copy of Bordes book locally, but am sure you can find it in El Paso. It is "The Old Stone Age" by Francois Bordes, World University Library, McGraw Hill Book Co., New York. Paper back and costs \$2.45. A really good book.

Next trip I make to the University at Pocatello will check to see if they returned your pseudo core to you. I left it there to be returned and do hope they have done so by now.

This is written in haste and do hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Don

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