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Dear Pete:

Thanks so much for your letter of July 26th and also for the handle for the teapot. I soaked it in water and then it fit just fine on the pot and really made a thing of beauty out of it.

Have heard from Rick and Al and both seem happy with their work and continue to experiment. Christ is about finished with her thesis and then - I think - plans to visit Rick in Wisc. Saw Joel briefly at ISU last week - on his way home.

Since you left I have - I think - resolved the Danish blade-making technique. It is really so simple when one knows how and gives very large straight blades with minute platforms. A small hammerstone and percussion. Have also used it for fluting and it does a very fine job - especially on Clovis. Flat flutes with little or no undulations. Showed it to Gene and he, too, is practicing and think we will have it perfected soon. Will then write a short paper on the mechanics.

We plan to leave with the camper tomorrow for Smith River, Cal. where we will visit with Dick Gould and then come back via the Oregon coast. Things have been hectic here and will be glad to get away for a little while.

Keep up the experimenting, Pete, and please write when you need help and we will hope I can do it via the mail. Give our best to Ann and the expected one.

With best wishes,

Don E. Crabtree

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