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P.I.A. NEWSLETTER  
Edward Boss, Editor  
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Dear Mr. Boss:

Please forgive the delay in answering your letter of February 12th, but I just returned from thirty days in Mexico with Lorenzo and just picked up my mail.

It is indeed gratifying to find persons sufficiently interested in the technological aspects of flaked tool industries to recognize this unique type of stone working. When I examined the Lively collection in Berkeley, I did not make notes on the material and, therefore, will have to give my report from memory. Both Bordes and I were very impressed with this collection and keenly interested in the techniques shown thereon.

The Lively collection was singular and peculiar because of the human behavior patterns demonstrated in making these particular tools. This type of flake removal is not common to any New World techniques with which I am familiar and this type of flake removal could not be used to make bifacial artifacts.

We cannot call this technique primary or juvenile for it does show rhythm and control by the worker in producing this rudimentary type of tool. This material could be very important to American archaeology. There is no doubt that these tools are man-made, but to actually determine if this material is unique, or just a stage in the phylogony of tool development, it is imperative to find the artifacts in place so that an accurate cronology may be estimated and established.

I am sorry that I did not have an opportunity to make a more intensive study of this most interesting collection.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree