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Dear Sir:

My mistake! In my letter of acknowledgement (March 16th) to your statement, I became somewhat over-enthusiastic and thanked you for also authenticating the Alabama materials.

Still, it's no cause for alarm...each of the statements that appeared in III-1 and III-2 were printed exactly (word for word) as I received them from their authors; your statement will be printed in the same manner...as with earlier statements, the reader may draw his own conclusions as to what is meant or what is the intended meaning of the writer!

As I suggested on March 16th, you may wish to reword your statement, IF the "pebble tool boys" down in Alabama find pebble tools in situ...in other words, bring your statement up-to-date, based on any new developments in Alabama. My deadline for III-3 is June 15, 1966!

Subject to any "re-wording" by you, would the following statement be accurate and acceptable by you for publication in III-3? I will, of course, appreciate any changes in it at your earliest opportunity- no later than June 15th! This "statement" is from your letters of 3/11 and 4/18:

Donald E. Crabtree of Kimberly, Idaho: "Last May, at the University of California at Berkeley, these tools were appraised and reviewed by Dr. Francois Bordes, Dr. J. Desmond Clark and myself. We were very impressed with the Lively collection and identified them as being man-made. This 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 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. These artifacts show a high degree of specialization in both techniques and form, and appear to be unique and singular - well worth further investigation.

"There is no question that these artifacts are man-made and are made from pebbles; however, the problem now appears to be "What is a pebble tool?" and "What constitutes a pebble tool industry?" Before we can actually call these "pebble tools", there are several unanswered questions regarding the Lively occurrence:

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Crabtree-2, 4/25/66:

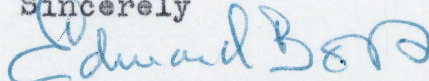
1. Are pebbles the only source of material?
2. What is the geographical range?
3. What is the population and concentration of these artifacts?
4. Have the artifacts been catalogued to show their distribution?

"The surface finds are a clue to a distinctive industry 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 a datable stratigraphy so that an accurate chronology may be estimated and established...otherwise no conclusions can be drawn regarding the antiquity of this collection."

Since it would not be feasible to reprint both your letters in their entirety(March 11, April 18), the above "constructed statement" is composed of portions of each with one or two substituted or added words to make the thoughts flow together. The important thing is: Will you accept this statement as your own and authorize publishment of it in III-3(July, 1966)of our P. I. A. NEWSLETTER?

Otherwise, may I have another "version"- re-written, more up-to-date or what have you at your earliest opportunity?

Sincerely



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