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Mr. Donald Crabtree Route 1, Box 39 Kimberly Idaho 83341

Dear Don:

Dick Gould showed me your letter of December 30. Unfortunately I do not know where Rick Warren's flint came from and so not have his address. Should be able to get this from Marie.

Am just back today from a short meeting in Berkeley where I heard Ed Lanning report on his fieldwork in northern Chile. While mentioning his rough "bifaces" from Chivateros, Peru he stated, "Don Crabtree says that every single broken Chivateros biface was broken in use, not during manufacture." Can you clarify this remark? How many Chivateros pieces did he show you? When? What constitutes evidence of use? What is the nature of the breakage? I know that he should answer these questions but prefer to have your version first. I will not quote or show him your answers as I have no intention of arguing with him. As a quarry site there must be many Chivateros pieces broken during manufacture. Ed is prone to let his wishful thinking become fact in his mind.

Many thanks for your card and good wishes. I came home so close to Christmas that we just did not get any in the mail.

As ever,

Junius B. Bird

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