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Dr. Junius Bird  
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Dear Junius:

Thank you so much for your letters of August 29th and September 19th and please, please forgive me for the very very tardy reply. Yes, the pictures arrive in very fine shape and we are truly grateful for them as they are magnificent. I took them to Dr. Swanson and he is so please and, no doubt, you will hear from him personally. Believe he is also sending you a copy of the paper and asking if you think it is well we submit it to Science as sort of a follow up on the Davis-Crabtree thing about working wood with stone tools.

We took off ten days and went to Glass Butte, Oregon to gather some obsidian and do some preforming for the pressure films we will start on this coming Monday. We had a fine time out there in the desert and - after hunting for many years - we finally found the original quarry site of the glass butte. It is nearly all red obsidian and you simply would not believe the size of the preforms made there. Excellent work - very large cortex flakes removed and then showing a complete control of thinning. While I preformed, Evelyn climbed the mountain many time and came up with a collection of some 35 broken tools which are now at ISU. Earl was delighted with the quarry, the material, and the collection so our department is planning to make a trip there next Spring with a four wheel drive to gather red obsidian and perhaps do some films.

We start the pressure film this coming Monday which we estimate will take about a month's shooting. Will use some of the red material so it will show up better in the camera. Will try to save some to bring to New York.

Do hope you and Peggy have a fine holiday in Greece and enjoy good weather there. Am looking forward to seeing you this next year.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree

P.S. Did Lucy Lewis give you a copy of a slide Evelyn took of you flintknapping in our back yard. It is so good and, if you don't have a copy we'll send a copy pronto.  
PPS: Anthropological Papers of American Museum  
Vol XX, Part II - Notes on Shoshonean Ethnography  
by Robert H. Lowie. Aboriginal Heat Treatment P. 225

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