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Prof. Don Crabtree
Idaho State University Museum
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

Dear Prof. Crabtree:

I would hereby like to apply for your 1973 Summer Flint-knapping School. Enclosed please find a brief resume of my background. I have requested that official copies of my transcripts and my letters of recommendation, by Profs. Howard D. Winters and Bert Salwen, be forwarded to you.

Soon after developing some interest in prehistoric archeology, I became interested in the problems related to lithic technology through literature and by my participation in archeological excavations. I enrolled in some courses at the Department of Anthropology at New York University with the intention of only familiarizing myself with the anthropological framework for studying prehistoric lithic technology. Through these courses, however, I unexpectedly became so much interested in anthropology that I now find myself in the process of making a professional switch from engineering to anthropology. Yet because of my background, the problems related to lithic technology will be of unusually great interest to me.

As you will note from my resume, I worked as a research engineer from 1967 to 1969 exclusively on problems of stress wave propagation in elastic and inelastic solid media. In the two subsequent years I did some consulting work in the same area.

Before applying what is known by engineers in the area related to lithic technology, I would like to learn more about knapping through personal experimentation. For that reason, I am hoping that my application is considered favorably. Recently, I have started flaking bottle glass, cherts, and obsidian using hammerstones, antler batons, and pressure flakers (with a copper tip). My handaxes and pressure-flaked points, however, reflect the qualities of a beginner. I am certain that your expert guidance would expedite my research in prehistoric lithic technology greatly.

Respectfully yours,

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