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Dear Francois:

You don't know how glad we were to get your nice long letter telling of your activities this past summer. Francois, you are entirely too busy. I only wish that you could take at least six months to do nothing but flintworking. You have reached a stage of perfection with the Tolutrean thin bifaces which you alone can go on and perfect. I am sure the double bevel is an aid but the onker must have your skill of hand and eye coordination. It is interesting that you use the double bevel on bifaces while I too have been using a kind of double bevel for the Danish blades. I have been grinding the face of the core at the platform part - with little or no grinding on the top. Then I use the edge ground cobble technique and an anvil support to strike off the blades. I still do not get good repeat blades but some are ten inches in length and are quite flat. I, too, need a lot of practice. I have also tried this technique to flute and it works very well - particularly the Clovis type flute. You must try it. It is strange that one can use combinations of previous techniques to do yet another technique.

It sounds as if you have found the home of the Levallois Lepticons in joint association with the seven dwarfs. What will be found next? One wonders how they were able to make such small cores and flakes.

I am still enjoying the Tale of Two Caves. I envy you your writing ability - I have no talent with words.

Earl is now at the London University and will be there until next July. Haven't heard from him yet and do hope he is getting settled and the children in school. Evelyn and I haven't been doing so good healthwise but hope that things will be improved by the time you get this letter. Again, it was good to hear from you and hope that you and Denise are both hale and hearty and will visit the States again soon.

Your friends,

Don and Evelyn

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