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P.S. Have you still a print of our joint paper on the Corbiac blades? Somebody stole it from my library, and I have now only a bad photocopy!

Dear Don,

Thank you for your letter of ~~the~~ Jan.21. I was glad to get it and know that you are feeling better. Well, any time you feel strong enough to come and visit us, do it!  
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I do not know when I will be back in the States. Next summer I go to western Australia to dig a shelter, Walga Rock, near the Murchison river. If you have a good map of western Australia, you may find on it the small town of Cue. The shelter is about 20 miles west of it, in the middle of nowhere. It is a joint expedition of the Institut du Quaternaire and the Western Australian Museum. We aim to find the trace of the people who, more than 30 000 years ago, went south. The co-director of the expedition, Charles Dortch, an American working for the W A Museum, has ~~not~~ found implements over 30 000 years old in his cave, Devil's Lair, at the extreme SW tip of Australia. So with luck we may be able to find something at Walga. Near by, the gravels (cemented) of the Murchison River have given some flakes that may be older than 50 000. Next year I hope we will move north, to the Kimberley region, and finally may be in Arnhem Land. But that is the future.

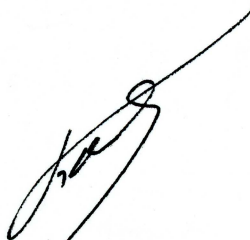
Denise is now in Australia with Cécile, at Melbourne, for one month. Here I have no time to flintknapp. Just writing papers when I am lucky, but most of the time administration. However I have finished up sorting the more than 350 000 flints of Corbiac, and I have begun to work on the publication.

I hope you can get to Pullman in June. Please say hello for me around. I was very much interested by what you told me about the technologies in Belize. If I had a million dollars, I would just resign from the university and spend the rest of my life travelling around to see prehistoric stuff.

Well, take care of yourself, and give some news from time to time!

Bien amicalement,

F. Bordes



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