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Dear Francois:

I just talked to Marie last nite and she told me that you hadnt heard from me since your last letter, I had thought that I had answered it, for this I am sorry. I hope that this letter reaches you before you leave for Austrailia. I know that you will enjoy the desert and away from all of the telephones and coredpondence. I must tell you about a friend by the name of Kim Akerman, Box 312, Derby , West Austraila 6728, this man is a very accomplished stoneworker using the aboriginal techneques and aparently living with them. He is the first that has observed the actual heat treatment of silicious stones as well as using heat for quarring. When quarrying the face of the outcrop is heated causing it to expand and exfoliate yeilding usefull material without being crazed or cracked, it is not quenched by water. As you remember Junius sent me some pieces from boulders near Thieves cave in Pannama. The boulder yeilded some fine long prisims of good uncracked material. I tried an experiment on a large waterworn boulder of basalt and I got simular results of exfoliation which may be of interest to you. I have been doing a little pressure flaking on small projectile points, hopefully it will help get my strength back. Francois I feel fine now with no discomfort but I can only walk a short distance because I dont get enough blood to my left leg. I am planning on a bilateral bypass and then I will be able to get going again. I hope that you and Denise are both in good health. I will close for now and get this in the mail. Have a great trip .

Your friend,

Don

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