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Dear Francois and Denise:

I was do glad to get your letter telling me that you are now recovering from a frightening and troumatic experience, thank goodness you are recuperating. Sometimes such an experiencemakes one know how realy dear life is. I want to tell you after my experiencesI now appreciate and enjoy each day. Francois you have given so much to society and still have that much more to give. I would say that your name appears as a reference more than any other in the profession.

I was glad to hear of your experiment with the Grand Pressigny core, I have only experimented with obsidian and with smaller blades and after seeing an actual core I find that it was initially made much like the Folsom pointand the flakes comming from both lateral margins and the first flake was not crested as are some of the first blades with the alternating preparation flake removal. I to have had the best results by using an anvil. Also I find that if you will wrap a rag or soft leather around the core and then grip both ends of the leather in your hand and then use the core as one does a hammer but with a dragging motionthe blad will be removed intact.

I just got the beautiful letters from the graduation for these I thank you both so very much, I shall always treasure them. I do hope that you continue to improve and wish you the best of New Year.

Your friend,

Don

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