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TALENCE, LE June 4th, 1980

Dear Don,

I do not know if I ever answered your letter of January 17! Winter and ~~ps~~spring have been hell! As you may know, I almost died from an allergy following ^{the} my operation in December. Then in March my closest collaborator, Dr Claude Thibault, was killed in an accident in ~~Algeria~~ Algeria, then in April my ~~max~~ drafstman and friend Laurent has to be amputated of one leg!

Well, I hope this streak of bad luck is finished. In early July, I will go again to Australia to go on with the work in the ^{Murchison} ~~Murchison~~ basin. Thibault will not be there any more, and he was one of the most important people in the expedition. We will do our best, however. These last weeks I have studied the tools from Australia, and I have some interesting preliminary results. These people were very clever with quartz, and even got some small, but good Levallois flakes, with a finely faceted platform, out of this bloody material!

In April, I had a quick trip to Calgary and EDMONTON. Unhappily, I could not come to Idaho? The ^{air}lines are not very convenient. I would have had to stay in Boise, and had not the time for it. May be next year!

I hope you are in good health, and go on with flintworking. Here, I have not much time to give to it!

Bien amicalement,

F. Bordes

P.S. Sorry for the typing! I am in a hurry!

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