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Dear Francois and Denise,

I do not know if I answered your last letter of June 4 - I think I have - however, to be sure and to know of my thoughts for you and interest in your work, I will drop you a note. Francois, I do hope that you are feeling well now. I received a letter from Alan Bryan, and he said that you were tired when you were in Edmonton. I do hope you're back to your good health again.

I had another session at the hospital for about a month and additional surgeries, and I am now convalescing again and was able to make my first arrowpoint today.

I was so sorry to hear the news that your friend and collaborator, Dr. Claude Thibault, was killed in an auto accident. It is indeed a great loss. And, I was also sorry to hear that our mutual friend Laurent had to lose one leg. I fortunately still have both of mine - one of them is not working too well, and it is quite painful at this time when I walk, but it will either get better or worse - and hopefully better! I hope all of us can get in good health again and be able to do some traveling. I am so glad that you are going back to Australia to finish some of your work there.

I had ~~ahogododis~~ fortune of having a visitor by the name of Dr. Lewis Napton who worked with Richard Gould. He brought a collection of artifacts from the vicinity of Ayers Rock. These were of blademaking technologies, and they were using silicified sandstone and detaching very beautiful, long, flat, narrow blades. This I found to be most interesting of the refinement and quality of blademaking. Here, too, in your letter you mention that these people were very clever with quartz so this may be some of the same tradition that Napton had with him. Also, it is interesting to find that in Australia you observed their using the Levallois technique.

I was sorry to learn that you hadn't the opportunity to make it to Twin Falls from Calgary and Edmonton, but maybe the next time. Our air contacts out of Twin Falls to Edmonton or Calgary are so very poor, but should you get a chance again to stop in Boise and your connections would be better, I would be more than happy to come to Boise and get you. Perhaps next year I could look forward to a visit. It would be so exciting for me as so much has happened in the past several years.

I have been fortunate to obtain four very nice Grand-Pressigny cores through the courtesy of Peter Kelterborn, whom I think you have met several years ago. He is from Zurich, Switzerland. This is indeed a challenge because I have no large flint, and obsidian appears to be excessively brittle for detaching these long blades for percussion.

Francois, keep your good health, and I will give my best regards to you and Denise. Again I will thank you for your beautiful letters that you wrote a year ago for my graduation. These will always be highly prized and held in much esteem.

The Best To You Both

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