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Dear Francois:

Evelyn and I are so very happy to hear that you will be here in the Spring and do hope that you and Tixier can arrange your schedules to be here at the same time. I think this would be great fun and also that we could compare techniques and resolve much. I have written to Marie about your impending visits and imagine that she will change the date of the conference in Tempe so you both can attend. We certainly will need you there as well as it being another opportunity to get together again. I am disappointed that you did not receive the obsidian yet. I sent it surface on August 9th and hope you have it by this time. Included some opal which I thought you would like. Also sent Tixier some of the Peacock obsidian. In going through the sacks of Peacock material from Mexico, I found several aboriginal tools, so apparently this comes from a quarry site. One piece looked like a broken polyhedral core.

Have been working on my percussion and am getting some good results in thinning large bifaces with wide expanding flakes (much like the Simons Clovis material) by using the edge of the hammerstone. This technique also works for blademaking. When you are here, I want you to try this, for you are so much better at percussion than I. Have also worked out a technique for the Capsien core which I am most anxious to show to Tixier. Swanson is delighted at the prospect of having you both here at the same time, and am sure you will be hearing from him when your plans firm up.

We are leaving Oct 6th for the East Coast to do some work with Doug Byers, Junius Bird, Wilmsen and Joffre Coe. Will return to Kimberly about the 5th of November. I am so glad that Wilmsen has had some time with you and know that he will now understand the wide variations in flake and blade character. I will see him in a couple of weeks and am looking forward to reviewing the Lindenmeier material.

The quarry film we made at Glass Butte is now ready for distribution and I think it is quite good. We also just finished a short film on pressure work which we did here in the back yard and it should be ready soon. We have a real professional cameraman now - he used to be with NBC news - and I think these films will be worthwhile.

Am enclosing a program of our recent conference in Pocatello. Do wish you could have been here. The Buffalo dinner was really great - the best buffalo I have ever eaten. They have promised to get me some buffalo meat when you come again to Kimberly.

Do hope your wonderful new book is selling fine and please give our regards to Denise and the family.

Hope to see you soon - don't let us down for it would be a great disappointment.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree

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