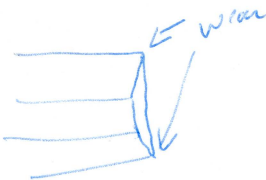


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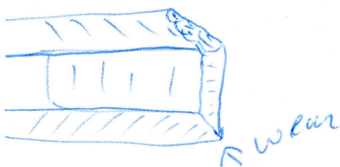
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TALENCE, LE May 19, 1970



Dear Don,

Believe me, I was sorry not to have time to fly to Idaho. But really I had not the time. At most I could have come for a day, and even so I am not sure. Yes, I will be in Montreal that fall, but I don't know if I can come to Idaho. So many things to do. BUT next year, Cro Magnon project or not, I come to Idaho to break some stones with you. Even if it is a private enterprise. Next spring, I also go to Danmark, and shall try to bring back some good flint.

Laziness is sometimes good. Fed up with "cooking" flint, I began trying pressure work on natural flint, and got some rather good results. Of course, you have to change the preparation of the edge, to get a stronger platform. You have also to sweat a little more, but you get results!. I send you to day one or two points I made that way. I suppose it would even be possible to get better results by selecting the raw flake or blade.

One of my students here has begun working flint in earnest. He still has a lot to learn, but is making very fast progress.

Three days ago, I got a letter from Swanson, telling me he was about to write to the NSF and that he will tell me about the outcome soon.

Meanwhile, I am working on Corbiac (again, after one year in which I could do almost no research!) and finding interesting things. For instance, traces of wear on broken blades, partially truncated blades, etc. (see figs). These were certainly used as burins (triedric burins). I have done it, and it gives the same wear pattern.

You tell me about "my new book". Which one?

This summer, I will excavate again at Pech de l'Azé (site I, to ~~fix~~ finish a part which is crumbling, and site IV, a new one). I will have a nice crew, among them two of my Tucson students on 1969: Edith Hopper, who was already with me last year, and Bruce Bradley, who also has made big progress in flint work. I hope to have a nice summer.

Well, the family is about all right. My wife is better since our daughter came with our grandson. This one is surely UN! Look: on my wife's side, Cecile got french, spanish, italian, irish, german, scottish blood. Cecile's husband has spanish, indian, english and swedish blood! What a mixture poor Martin is! It does not seem to trouble him. He is a very big and strong baby of 7 months.

Well, our best to the Crahtrees! So long!

F.B.

Ce. 20/08

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