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Dear Bruce:

As you will see from the enclosed correspondence, it is ironic that I had been discussing your flint knapping abilities not too long before you wrote your letter.

As I told Mr. Callahan you have been able to reproduce Clovis points that are more like the real ones than any others I have seen. It is obvious that you have found a way to detach the thin sheetlike bifacial thinning flakes so typical of Clovis workmanship and your fluting technique is remarkably Clovis-like.

I think it would be very worthwhile for you to demonstrate your experimental work in lithic technology and am happy to take this opportunity to offer verbal support for your efforts. I would be very interested in having you include SMU in your itinerary, particularly in regards to Clovis technology.

I would like very much to have examples of your work as they would pertain to Clovis technology. Please include the debitage from each process and use flint or chert; not obsidian. These will be useful additions to my reference collection of modern fluted point makers.

Your preferences for Clovis fluting by direct percussion is very interesting. The one time that I was able to practice long enough to actually get to the fluting I was elated to find that I could remove a respectable flute by this method.

I still have not had time to impact test the McCormick points, but will do so eventually. Your points would be even better. Have you tried to replicate the Simonson type of biface (point preform)? If I can latch on to some decent chunks of Edwards flint I'll brint it to you when I go to Murray Springs (for a demonstration of course).

Give my regards to Larry.

Best Wishes,



Vance Haynes

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