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Dear Don,

Today I stopped in at Tom Bahti's Indian shop here in Tucson and found that he had quite a number of these obsidian goodies. I remembered discussing them with you and Payson. So I bought one for myself and one for you. As I recollect we talked of the possibility of them being made from thin disc flakes removed from the top of cores. After looking at a few I don't think this the most likely possibility. Everyone that I looked at had the ends tapering as would the thin edge of a flake. Because of this and the presence of compression rings remaining on the surfaces I guess that a more likely interpretation would be that they ~~were~~ were made from large bulb removal flakes. I have attempted it and have come up with very similar results. The perforations seem to have been made by drilling part way through from one face and then knocking out a cone from the other. Some also look to have been drilled from both faces.

I talked with Mrs. Tanner today and mentioned that you might have a collection of southwestern ethnographic material for sale. She said that they are very interested and that she knows of a museum that is looking for that sort of thing. If you are still looking to sell it they would like for you to contact them.

Leaving for SMU Monday. Also spending some time at Rice. That's about all for now,

Adieu,

Bruce

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