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Dear Bruce:

Thank you for telling me of your arrival in England. Am sure you are now in a good spot to learn much of lithic technology. While there, please try to see my friend, Dr. Ian Cornwall at London University. He is very interested in lithics. Also hope you can contact J. Eric Thompson. Please give both my regards. Hope you discover many new techniques and have a rewarding stay in England.

I do hope that you will be fortunate enough to locate a couple of flaking hammers when you make the trip to Brandon. If one is available, I would be more than glad to pay for both the cost and shipping if you have the time. It would be interesting to try this tool in making obsidian blades. If anyone is still making blades at Brandon, I hope you will have a chance to observe and learn the technique. Only you have the ability to understand what is happening. Also hope you will look for evidence of heat treatment of English flint. The black Brandon flint Alters at a temperature of between 425 and 450 degrees F. , slightly lower than that necessary for French flint. When heated, it flakes beautifully and has a rich luster.

We have tentative plans for a larger school this summer and it may, perhaps, include Bordes and Tixier. Nothing is firmed up yet. But if you are in the States in August you would be welcome to visit.

Congratulations on your accomplishments and abilities and keep up the good work. Thanks again for the obsidian crescent.

With best wishes,

Don E. Crabtree