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Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your most interesting letter of June 13th. I received it two days after the school started and, as you know, I have to let correspondence lag during that time. It is thoughtful of you to relate your progress and experiments on new techniques. Due to lack of flint, I have never tried the Danish ax technique or attempted to make the flint trade planks. It must be great to have an abundance of flint to try varied techniques and enough material to make the Brandon blades. I find that the obsidian blades made by the Brandon technique must be thicker than those made from flint. The obsidian blades have a tendency to split or break from end shock even though completely detached.

We had a fine group of students attending this year's field school and they all learned quickly and well. I had them concentrate on using the hammerstone for percussion rather than antler and they did some remarkable thinning. It was really a rewarding year and I expect great things from this group. We also ended the school at Glass Butte Oregon which was a treat for the students and allowed them sufficient material to make preforms to take home.

At this time I can not give you any definite schedule for August and Sept. Francois wanted to come to Kimberly in September but I plan to be at the meetings in Chicago and afterward tour the new England states. So I have written to him and asked for his schedule and thought perhaps we could meet at Saratoga Springs, Denver or Dolores - whichever works out. I would love to see him and do hope we can get together somewhere enroute.

I will look forward to our getting together and will let you know if we can all meet at Dolores as soon as I get a definite schedule from Francois.

Thanks again for the letter and Evelyn and I send our best wishes to Harry and Betty.

Your friend,

Don