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Dear Bruce:

It is good to hear from you. I had some glowing reports from Francois Bondes of your excellent coordination of hand and eye in knapping. You were fortunate to work with Bondes and Tixier - the very best in knowledge of technology and typology. Besides that, they are wonderful human beings.

The opportunity to see Old World material must have been exceedingly enlightening. I hope that you were able to observe the Brandon knappers in action. A paper on their work by one who understands flint knapping would be a real contribution.

I wish that I could help you with the antler situation, but I have the same difficulty in obtaining moose and reindeer antler. I don't know where Francois gets his reindeer antler, but you might inquire for moose antler to the National Forest Dept. of Canada. Again, good flints are almost non-existent in the Western U.S. There are ads in the "Lapidary Journal" for Flint Ridge Ohio material, but it is \$1.00 per pound. There is also some good flint from Texas, but I do not know the locality. I am sure that your sources of chalcedony are much the same as here in Idaho - small pieces and not very homogeneous.

I am anxious to see some of your work but until my wife recovers from a very serious illness I am pressed for time. Because of her illness, Swanson and I have postponed the Cro-Magnon project for the time being. I too hope that we will be able to get together soon and that I will be able to see your work.

I am sorry that I have not been of more help, but rockhounds and collectors have made the situation difficult. Check with the local mineral or gem societies and rock shows for workable materials.

Yours truly,

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