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Dear Alan and Ruth:

It was so good to see you in Denver - I only wished that we had more time to have spent together. It was a very enjoyable conference and my first time out in society for a long time.

I am looking forward to the flintknapping course in Lethbridge. The present plans are that it will start July 30th for one week's duration. If there are too many there I do not know how I will be able to handle it other than by a review of the series of motion pictures. If the class exceeds twelve, it will create a great deal of difficulty for individual participation so I'll have to wait and see how things work out. I would be delighted if you and Ruth could come down at that time - I'll need the help.

Alan, about the glossary on the analysis of pressure flakes, I have done little or nothing regarding that, but I am working on a paper of some 200 entries regarding flake technologies and "blade technologies" (blade is a specialized flake). I have some twenty type-written pages on flake analysis and still it is only two-thirds completed.

Tell David Young that this would be most interesting - anything that he can contribute toward the nomenclature of pressure flakes. Very few have been recovered in sites as often times they are only in the form of dust. Sometimes the platform remains will remain other than when you use the Titmus technique as his blades are often intact and recoverable. Alan, it is surprising volumewise what little mass is accumulated-for the past two years I have a chipping station in the shop that is still undisturbed and there is probably less than a water bucket of pressure flakes in accumulation, which may explain why there are so few pressure flakes recovered in archaeological sites and a very fine screen would be necessary.

I am so glad that you found the obtuse paper interesting. I think very few people have read the article, but I feel the obtuse angle will play an important part in typology and function.

I would like to visit with you more on your trip to Brazil and do hope we can get together in the near future.

With best regards,

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