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Dear Alan and Ruth:

Thanks for your nice letter of May 1st. I guess our letters must have crossed in the mails, as we had just written to you explaining and apologizing for not appearing in Bellingham. We were so disappointed to have missed the conference and the chance to talk with you and deliver the promised artifacts. Don is so busy working on a new technique for the flute of the Folsom and also making notes for Earl that I am taking the liberty of answering your letter on his behalf.

We surely will plan to attend the conference in Banff next year and, if Earl does not give us our notice, please have Rob notify us at Kimberly, for we would hate to miss another conference and especially one in Banff.

We are so happy about Rob working with you and also Earl and Bob seem delighted that he has this opportunity. We talked with Rob, briefly, last month, and I understand he will be in Alaska this Summer and is very happy at this prospect.

Don is so sorry that he missed the opportunity to talk with you in April, for he has many things he would like to have your opinion on. He says that he will go along with whatever you wish regarding editing the film. If you like, you can send it to us and Don will go to Pocatello and get some help from Earl on the editing. However, if you prefer, you can wait and bring it to Denver in August and you and Don can do the editing there. Unless something unforeseen happens, we plan to be at the INQUA meeting in Denver and will look forward to seeing you there and discussing the film.

Earl has applied to NSF for a grant which, if allowed, will start Don working at ISU sometime in July. However, it is a half-time working arrangement, so should not interfere with our going to Denver in August. Believe that Earl and Bob plan to go also, so this should be no problem. Bob called, two weeks ago, and said that they had heard that the grant application has received the necessary signatures, so it looks like it will be given - we hope so. This will permit Bob, Earl and Don to produce the handbook they have been talking about for years covering experiments in flintworking and trying to establish a common language to cover the various techniques. Also, it will provide laboratory facilities for accurately figuring angles, pressures, etc.

Alan, Don is deeply honored to have you ask him to apply for the technician curator post at your laboratory. You cannot imagine what your confidence has meant to him and he feels he owes the profession's current interest in him to you and Earl. Without this help and confidence, he could not possibly have aroused any interest in his reproductions. Thank you so much and, should the NSF thing not work out, Don says he would be delighted to try for the laboratory job at Edmonton. We will let you know about the grant when we get the red or green light.

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We just returned from two weeks in Berkeley working with Desmond Clark and meeting with Francois and Denise Bordes. The film went very well and we were all happy with the rushes, although my personal opinion was that they should have shown an artifact being made from start to finish. Believe they want to do this at a later date. We liked the Clarks very much and were glad to again see Dr. Heiser, Dr. Stirton, Dr. Wells and Dr. Camp. It was like old home week for Don, for he worked there in 1939 and 40.

Dr. Heiser has asked Don to go to Guatamela with him as an advisor on an untouched site near Copan where there are, literally, thousands of polyhedral cores and blades. Crabtree is most excited about seeing this much material, but the trip will not be until January and possibly not until June, 1966. He hopes this will shed even more light on the manufacture of these blades.

We will be disappointed not to see Clyde in August, for we know that he must be growing like a weed. Congratulations on such a fine son and we will hope to see him next year at Banff.

Ruth, if you do have any time in Twin when you come on the pre-conference tour, please do call us and we will pick you up and have dinner together and would so enjoy a visit, even though it is short. Our phone number is Twin Falls 733-3275. Most people look for a Kimberly number, but we are under the T.F. exchange.

Don says that all the quartzite he treated was local material, but he will be glad to run a test on some of your rock, if you want to send it down and he feels that it should get the same results as our local quartzite.

Sorry this is such a long letter, but wanted to bring you up to date.

Sincerely,

E. Crabtree

P.S. Alan, Don says to thank you again for the Bulletin 60. He has really enjoyed it and uses it as a constant reference.

Do you have a copy of "Prehistoric Technology" by ~~Mr~~ S.A. Semenov. If not, you can get the english translation by M.W. Thompson by writing to Barnes and Noble, 5th Ave., New York. Don says this is the most complete thing he has ever read on techniques and he was fascinated with the description of making the egyptian blades. I sent for our copy yesterday - \$12.50.

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