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Dear Mr. Carlson:

Thank you very much for your nice and informative letter of April 29th. Have just returned from Mexico City so am a little tardy with replies.

It is always good to hear of someone who is devoting time to flintworking - for it is fast becoming a lost art. It is also interesting to note that you too have tried the thermal alteration of lithic materials. It certainly does make the pressure work easier and, together with Dr. Francois Bordes of Bordeaux, France, we have determined that this sophisticated technique was used by man as far back as Solutrean.

I rarely get to Moscow as the university there does not have an active lithic program. However, it may be that I will pass through there this summer and would be delighted to get in touch with you and compare notes on methods, techniques, etc.

In the meantime, you may want to read some of my experimental results of flintknapping and you can secure back issues and future work by writing to Idaho State University, the Museum, Pocatello, Idaho 83291 for back issues of "Tebiwa" the Museum journal and may wish to subscribe for future issues. Believe the cost is just \$1.50 per year. The man to write there about anything on lithic technology is Dr. Earl Swanson, director of the Museum at the above given address.

Thank you again for your kind letter and "good chipping".

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree