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Dear Desmond:

Thank you for your most welcome letter of October 8th and please excuse my tardy reply. I am late in answering my correspondence, as I have just returned from a month's trip to the East Coast. Reviewing the material at Andover, Harvard, Columbia, American Museum, Smithsonian, and Chapel Hill was most rewarding and certainly instructive.

I have reviewed the stoneworking movie script and find it to be in good order. If the sound track has not as yet been cut, then I would suggest a minor change in terminology, i.e. to substitute either "pressure platform" or "platform of applied force" for "striking platform". This change in terminology would then indicate a definite technique. However, if the sound track has been cut, then you may ignore this suggestion and I believe the term "striking platform" will be acceptable. The script reads very well and the film should give the viewer a good idea of the technique of pressure flaking stone tools.

Idaho State University has now completed a film on the technique of quarrying obsidian at an aboriginal site in Oregon which includes preliminary steps of reducing the material to the portable preform stage. Think this, too, will be a most instructive film.

Unfortunately, I can not attend the conference in Seattle. This is disappointing, for I would very much like to visit again with you, see the film, and hear the papers.

We have some very good news from France. Next Spring, both Bordes and Tixier will be in Idaho, probably in March or April, and we also plan a joint meeting at Tucson. This will be a great opportunity for me to work with these men on a variety of experiments.

We both thank you for your kind invitation and want you to know that you and Betty will always be welcome guests at our home should you have time to visit Idaho. Idaho State University and our countryside provides many things that I am sure would be of interest to you.

Our kindest personal regards to you both,

Don E. Crabtree

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