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Dear Michael:

Thank you so much for the reprint of Obsidian Trade at San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan, Mexico. It is a most comprehensive report and a valuable contribution to the profession. I only hope that others will become aware of the importance of sources and distributions of lithic materials for this could give as much information as the completed artifact. It is unfortunate that we haven't studies and samples of material from North Eastern Siberia for checking mans' movements into the New World. A simple flake of Siberian material found here would have more significance than a typeological specimen.

I am sending you some obsidian samples from Guadalajara, Mexico. I think that you will find the material unique. I purchased the obsidian from a dealer, Ed Barry, El Paso, Texas - enclosed price list and address if you are interested in obtaining more. Junius still has some of this material on hand left over from the demonstrations given in the museum.

I purchased 1000 pounds of field run of this material and in the sacks were a number of aboriginal worked pieces, unifaces and simple percussion flaking. The flake scars appear to have approximately the same exterior as the natural exterior surface indicating the possibility of considerable antiquity. I will enclose a piece for testing the hydration layers if you have the facilities. Wet the sample flakes and examine under a clear light bulb or the sunlight - I think that you will find this obsidian quite different than others.

Again, congratulations on the fine report and please give our best to Tom Patterson when you see him.

Sincerely yours,

Don E. Crabtree