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Dear Earl:

Am enclosing herewith copy of the Corbiac blade paper which I have reviewed and on which I have made a few suggestions as follows:

Page 3: Perhaps we were a little too terse here, but we used the word "development" to try to convey to the reader the many problems encountered during manufacture. The shape of the core must be developed during manufacture according to the form of the natural material, miscalculations, non-homogenities and imperfections uncovered, etc. Each core is different and depends on type of material, shape of material, quality of material, etc.

Page 4: I have inserted brackets around the words "other kinds of cores do not concern us here" for I feel if they are omitted it will infer that cores we are not concerned with are unidirectional, bidirectional, globular, mousteroid, unclassifiable, etc - whereas these core types belong to the Corbiac technique.

Page 5: Believe Francois meant to use "flat" or "straight and flat" here, as flatness is an important factor.

Page 7: Francois omitted the word "detaching". Perhaps this is not necessary, but it would clarify it for the novice.

Page 8: Believe the reader will interpret "back" as the ventral side, whereas this is meant to convey the "dorsal" side.

Suggest sentance two in paragraph 2 be changed to read:

"A hammerstone is necessary, for the antler billet lacks sufficient weight to transmit adequate force to detach a flake from a rounded surface".

Page 9: Changes are self-explanatory. Suggest separation in the sixth sentance: "If the removal of the first blade is not well done - for instance if the blade breaks at about half the length of the core - it is very often abandoned if the area is rich in flint.

Page 10 Changes are self-explanatory and perhaps not necessary.

Changes on pages 11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 29 are self-explanatory.

The school is going really well - better than I ever hoped for and you will be encouraged when you see the progress of the participants. We are all looking forward to having you visit us and a chance for a visit. Lucy Lewis is very versitile and we now know that women can do this work even though I doubt if we can ever prove it.

Sincerely,

Don

Cc. 35.1.4