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DEAR DON -

HERE'S OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER - HOPE YOU
ENJOY IT - COMMENTS WELCOME

EARETT CALLISTER

AN AFTERTHOUGHT - COULD I POSSIBLY ASK OF YOU
TO HELP ME IDENTIFY THE ENCLOSED ~~FAKE~~ ROCK.
IT COMES FROM THE BASALT - OR WHAT I CALL BASALT - QUARRIES
IN ARIZONA, WHICH I MENTION IN MY DEBITAGE PAPER. WE ARE
USING IT THIS YEAR HERE & WILL CONDUCT OUR SUMMER

EXPERIMENT THERE. THE VAST MAJORITY OF IT IS ^{THE} GRAINY FLAKE ENCLOSED ^(A) THIS MORNING CALL A FINE-SERIALIZED
BASALT, BUT IT GRADS OFF INTO A CONSIDERABLY FINER
MATERIAL ^(B) APPROXIMATELY OBSIDIAN. HOWEVER WHERE ONE WOULD EXPECT
IT TO BECOME OBSIDIAN, ONE ENCOUNTERS A BANDED BLACK/GRAY FLAKE
+ MORE TRANSLUCENT, WAVY GRAY (E) MATERIAL (C), THEN A PART, VERY OPAQUE GRAY (D) - THE LATTER I HAVE
BEEN CALLING IRON-MORITE BUT I SUSPECT I AM WRONG. I HAVE SEEN
2 ROCKS FROM THE MILLIONS THERE WHICH MIGHT BE TRUE OBSIDIAN (F)
YOUR ASSISTANCE & VALUABLE TIME WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK
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