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Dear Errett and Linda:

I certainly thank you for the most informative Christmas letter. It sounds like you had a great time and were exposed to a lot of fabulous techniques. It would appear that our work is cut out for us if we ever replicate all of the different Danish and Dorset flaking styles. It is certainly mind boggling to see such an array of artistry. It makes one look upon these people with reverence. Seen through our eyes, their work makes Michelangelo look like an amateur.

I am so glad you are back again in the States even though it appears to be only for a short time. I hope things open up for you in the coming year both financially and by exposure to more and new technologies. I can't wait to see you in California at Little Lake and to learn more of your experiences. From your Christmas letter it looks like you have a very full schedule over the coming year.

You don't know how much I appreciate the sketches of more Danish material. I felt that the National Danish Museum was one of the highlights of my trip to Europe when I was there some years ago. I do hope you were able to see some of the Dorset material and the points that were fluted from the tip toward the base on both lateral margins. It is indeed a complex bit of technology.

I haven't had a lot of opportunity to do chipping this year, but I am looking forward to getting back at it again. I see Gene Titmus about once a week and he is doing some great fluted points.

I recently received a Grand Pressigny core from France and it presents a lot of study and experimentation to be able to make a replica. The first blade removed from the core is plano-convex in transverse section which is the same as fluting the Folsom only the channel flake was as much as 40cm long, if you can believe it. It was a very inefficient way of making blades as each core could probably yield only five or six blades at the most. The core I have only has one channel flake from the base to the tip and it is 29cm long. If it is possible, I may bring this to Little Lake. I hope you have some actual examples of the Danish flintwork that you can bring.

I hope you had a very happy Christmas and look forward to a prosperous coming year.

Your friend,

Don Crabtree

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