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Dear John:

I am so glad to get your letter of October 22 and sorry to be late in answering it. I am so sorry that your film was lost; however, it is no problem - we can take some more.

Since I have seen you I have had considerable more surgery, but I am now convalescing and recuperating; in fact, I must be on my feet for your anticipated symposium in Pachuca. I would be more than pleased to be able to visit that site as it probably contains so much information and affords the chance for additional experimentation. This would be a great thing to be able to observe the various technologies represented there.

I have had a chance to look at your thesis, but have not had an opportunity to try your technique. I feel that one should produce a series of replicas of various sizes with more detail in regard to the proportion of the core - also the method of governing the termination of the width and length of the detached blades. Too, additional illustrations of your technique and also your method of applying force to the object and also how various sizes of cores would be handled would be helpful. And, would it be possible to produce a 12" blade with a cross section of $1\frac{1}{4}$ " as some of those from Guatemala?

I am glad your meetings in Saltillo were exciting. I have recently received a book from Tom Hester on Mesoamerican studies (obsidian) which is a really great volume. He certainly brings a lot of information up to date and it is well covered on the papers compiled in this one single volume. I do hope you have a copy of this book.

This will be a short note at this time and perhaps the next letter will expand a little more. Please keep in touch. I am still enjoying the arrows that you brought me and have shown them to many of my friends. It was a great gift. I will look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Your friend,

Don Crabtree

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