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Dear Don And Evelyn:

Thanks for the corrected notes. We are digging here on a Northwest Coast site, but unfortunately, there is very little stone work except spalls. Most of the points have been traded in from the Plateau. I have learned how they detached these large flat spalls from oval cobbles, and can do it myself.

You will be interested to know that I have begun to learn the techniques of flint knapping, and until this summer, had been practicing one or two hours a day. To begin with I have been doing only percussion flaking and have devoted my energies to learning thinning techniques. I don't try to make anything but blanks. In order to learn something about wear patterns on the various types of hammers, I am only using stone and antler. I'm quite surprised at the progress I've made, and in ten years or so I might make a passible Indian. I am now able to remove large ridges from the parent block as I wish, and am even able to remove humps and bumps of stone left in the center of a blank. After a year of continued practice I would like to spend some weeks working with you, Don, because by then I think I will have learned enough so that I wont be wasting your time. By the way, I am making notes as I learn, and would like to have you read them over sometime to see if they make sense.

Take care of yourselves, and I hope to see you in the Fall.

Sincerely yours,

Rich

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