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Dear Michel:

Thank you so very much for your nice letter of December 19th and may I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you so much for the kind things you said about the Folsom paper. This was my first attempt at writing and I hope that future papers will improve. However, necessarily, the explanation of manufacturing processes must be explained in simple terms so those who are not familiar with working stone will be able to interpret the various steps and stages of fabrication.

Soon, I hope, I will have a very detailed paper in print on the manufacture of the prismatic blades and polyhedral cores of the people of Meso-America. However, this will be published in the "American Antiquity", the journal of the Society of American Arch. But I will personally see to it that you get a reprint of this article. I have not seen the finished product, as it was sent to the society, but we did include a great many photographs of the cores and blades and even the crutch which may be of help to you. In the meantime, until publication, is there anything I can tell you about this core that would be of help to you. I will be glad to answer any questions you may care to ask me if it will help you. The book that you are preparing sounds like something that the profession has needed for a very long time and I am sure that you will do a beautiful job. You are so very fortunate also to have Tixier there for reference, for this many is a very keen analyst.

I am forwarding the coupons to the Museum at Idaho State Univ. in Pocatello, as they do all the mailing of the Tebiwa journal. Did you get copies which contained my articles on "Thermal Treatment", "Flintknapping tools" and "Lithic stone of the Toolmaker". If not, please advise me and I will send you complimentary copies for I have a few here at home. Believe the journal containing the article on thermal treatment is out of print, but I still have a few copies. However, this article was very poorly written and since then I have changed some of my thermal temperatures, thanks to cooperation by Tixier and Bordes. I shall do a new paper on this subject shortly.

Please do not hesitate to write to me for any information I can give that may be of help to you in your very worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

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