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Dear Terry:

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to review your excellent paper on the wedge-shaped cores and possible holding techniques. The methods of holding are certainly technological traits that may be followed in time and space. The morphology of the core and its design will influence the method of holding while detaching blades. Such holding can incorporate a variety of ways from the simple hand holding to possible sophisticated mechanical contrivances.

This brings up a point that may be of interest to you. Dr. V.N. Misra of Deccan College, Poona, India, has some mini-micro cores, one being a little more than a centimeter in length, which had to be held by some means other than by the hand. Jacques Tixier will also be in New Delhi. Their comments on cores and the methods of holding should be of interest to you. I hope that you will give them my regards. Both have a profound interest in core and blade technology.

Thanks for the kind invitation to serve as a panel member or discussant. At this time I do not feel that I will be able to present a paper, but do hope to attend the Vancouver meeting. I hope that you will have a very rewarding meeting. I am only sorry that I am not going with you.

Again - congratulations on your very fine paper.

Sincerely yours,

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