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Mr. Johnny Dixon
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Dear Johnny:

Thanks so much for the enclosure on the "Knob Hill Quarry Site" Your keen observation of blade making is an exciting discovery and am sorry to say few amateurs or professionals note and define blades. To date, there has been practically nothing recorded about new world blademakers. However, the Murray Springs, Arizona clovis site has demonstrated that these people detached blades by a very sophisticated technique.

I have also noted several blades on the desert pavements near the Calico Hills, California site and blades have been found on the Aleutian Islands in early Eskimo sites, and also at the old world sites on the Lena River in Siberia - a close proximity to the new world.

The Knob Hill material may be the first to show the series of stages from the raw material to the finished product which are necessary to produce blades. Your description of the blade core made from a thick biface is typical of the Russian preparation and could be relative to a tie-in with the old world. I hope you had the good fortune to find the hammerstone used in the blade detachment as they are very diagnostic.

I enjoyed our conversation on the phone very much and will look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas next Fall or perhaps here in Kimberly before that time.

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtree

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