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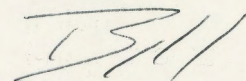
Dear Mr. Crabtree:

Your reprint "Mesoamerican Polyhedral Cores and Prismatic Blades" arrived last week, and I have just finished studying (not merely reading) it. Thank you so very much for sending it to me. It is the clearest explanation of primitive arts and crafts that I have ever read. In fact, I feel I could now make some blades myself. Certainly I could not make them with the perfection that you have attained, but I feel that I could at least break off a few useable fragments. I have a small stock of obsidian from Ascension Island in the South Atlantic. This stock is in storage with my household goods in the United States, and as soon as I return I will get to work on it.

In the early part of this month I wrote to Mrs. Millard at the Idaho State University asking her to send me the material which you recommended in your letter. I expect to receive it soon, and am eagerly looking forward to expanding my knowledge of the subject.

Because of your many courtesies to me, a simple interested layman, I feel obligated to you. If there is anything you would like for me to get for you here in Germany, please do not hesitate to write stating your request. I will be most happy to try to accommodate you.

Sincerely,



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