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Dear Bill:

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Thank you so much for your letter of Dec. 27th. Evelyn and I enjoyed hearing of your busy schedule and are glad you can again be with your family and friends. Your trip to Alaska must have been a shock after the warm climate of San Antonio. We have had a long dreary winter with no relief in sight and are hoping that in about a week we can get away for a brief visit to the university at Tucson and warm up a bit. I don't think I would get much sympathy from your son after having a stint in Thule and now in Fairbanks. If he is interested in prehistory, there is a very active anthropology department at the university and some very interesting material representing some of the Arctic cultures. I am extremely interested in the arctic blade techniques but have only mastered some of the replications. I am sure he knows that the very famous Campus site is actually located on the university grounds.

I am sending you a sample of the red obsidian from Glass Butte, Ore and a sample of some unique obsidian from Southwest Mexico. The Oregon material is highly variable and often has a combination of colors. I have yet to see semi-translucent red obsidian - it usually is of the opaque autumn colors.

I am delighted at the prospect of securing a sample of the obsidian from Ascencion Island. It will be a nice addition to some samples I have from Iceland and New Zealand.

Both Evelyn and I send our best wishes.

Your friend,

Don E. Crabtree

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