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Dr. Don. E. Crabtree  
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Dear Don,

First off, let me apologise for my horrible typing, which will be amply demonstrated by the time this letter is finished. To complicate matters, this damn machine has a bad "w"...which, as you have just seen, only prints the top of the letter.

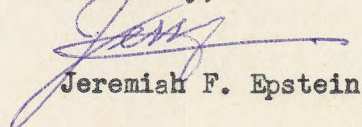
On the flight from Paris to Madrid, I sat next to a surgeon-researcher who was just returning from a conference in Poland. His name; Dr. Taub. Taub is particularly involved in amputations, and the problem of getting the patient up and around as soon as possible. The conference in Poland was to see the results of a man who was getting his patients actually ambulatory after 24 hours.

In the course of the trip I (naturally) mentioned your comment about the extreme sharpness of the obsidian blades, and that they would cut through cells rather than push them aside. I enthusiastically endorsed their razor sharp qualities. Anyway, Dr. Taub is interested, and I suspect he will probably get in touch with you soon. He is doing research at University of Washington, Seattle, which is just a few seconds away by Gemini rocket.

It occurs to me that you may well be on to something terribly significant from a medical-humanitarian viewpoint. If the obsidian blades do indeed catch on, you may, if you wish, also be in a position to gain economically. I do not know how you feel about such matters, but I would like to suggest that you do consider seriously the possible economic advantage to yourself of selling these blades should they prove popular.

Meeting you and your wife at Les Eyzies was a great pleasure. I don't recall ever having learned as much from a single meeting, as I did from this last one. We are expecting you down here within the year. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Jeremiah F. Epstein