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Dear Jeff:

Thanks so much for your letter of Sept. 19th regarding the proposed lab at your institution. I am, indeed, happy to learn that the lab may become a reality for we sorely need such a research project in this country. I hope that you will get these facilities and that I will have the privilege of visiting the University from time to time and taking advantage of the lab and the opportunity to compare notes on experiments with you and the students.

I believe we covered everything in our telephone conversation but want to say again that I am wholly in accord with this project. I can think of no other student or professional who could lend the skill and knowledge to this project that you could contribute. I would like to emphasize again that you include functional studies in the project and that you experiment with old world tools to arrive at a parallel technique on this continent. Also would like you to carry on with the research needed on the thermal alteration of lithic materials. Ultimately, you might even consider the mechanical procedures studies by Ari Tsirk and Rick Faulkner. These can add much to our knowledge of the actual physical properties of lithic materials and their fracture.

I would be honored to serve as a research associate on this project and be called upon as a consultant if you feel I can be of any help. I can not give you a time schedule on commitments but would be available at least twice a year. We plan to have the summer field school this next year but will not know definitely about this for about a month. We do plan to have professionals this year if the funds are allocated. I also plan to have a flintknapping class at I.S.U. now and am delighted to learn that you, too, will be teaching in this field. There is so much yet to be done in the lithic industries that we need classes in flintknapping and research.

I have recently been reviewing B.A.E. Bulletin 60 by Holmes on the Arkansas novalulite quarries and notice that he makes mention of pink material much the same as you sent me which would suggest a thermal alteration. Please refer to this bulletin which I think you will find of great interest.

I do hope the lab will become a reality and will look forward to the chance to work with you and the staff.

With best wishes,

Don E. Crabtree

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