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Dear Jeff:

It is so nice to hear from you and learn that your N.S.F. grant may make the lab a reality. I will, indeed, consider it an honor to be associated with your project and will spend all the time there possible. I have asked Earl to also reply to your letter regarding what program we get our N.S.F. funding from as I am not familiar with these details. Over the phone, though, Earl said there would be no conflict.

We plan to leave Nov. 12th for the meeting in Calgary and I do hope that you, too, can be there. Ruth Ann Knudson called and said if we were going that she planned to also attend. It will be so good to see her again, Bonnichson and Tixier will also be there and I hope many others who are interested in lithic technology. I plan to be a discussant on two panels for Rob. Hope we will come away enriched from this meeting.

I have been burning leaves from the yard and they got wet from rain and, consequently, burned for a week. Just got them out yesterday and the novaculite and jasper and obsidian was very successfully treated. Wish I had some temperature and time data on this. By the way, Jeff, can you send me some novaculite? If so, please double sack it and send it motor freight collect. It is wonderful material to work with and I am about out.

Am working on a couple of papers but it goes slow. Flake analysis is really complicated and wonder if I will ever really finish it.

On our return from Calgary we will have a visitor from Japan. Tsugio Matsuzawa is paying us a visit from the National Treasures of Japan. Hope he speaks enough english to enable us to correspond. Also hope to drive Tixier home with us so we may have a Frenchman and Japanese here at the same time. Should resolve something.

Keep up the good work and keep me informed of your failures and successes in experiments. I always say the failures are as important as the successes and have always had my errors and have learned a great deal from them. I am really proud of the interest you show in this science and still have my money on you as the one person to really carry this flintknapping to its conclusion.

Best wishes,

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