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Dear Mrs. Giddings:

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 27th and pardon the delay in replying. Have just returned from a tour of the Pacific Northwest and Canada and am just catching up on correspondence. Had a very fine visit with Charles Borden in Vancouver and was able to see some of the Canadian and Alaskan material. He and I also tried the micro-blade technique very successfully.

Your husband was quite right about the Denbigh material being treated. MacNeish says there is no question that a great percentage of the material there was thermal treated. It seems that treating changes the stone from one that cannot be worked or at least could only be poorly worked to material that is quite easily flaked. Bordes and Tixier are now interested in this theory and are running tests on the French flints. Tixier says practically all of the Algerian materials have been altered. There is also a possibility that Longacre has found the ovens for thermal treatment at the Grasshopper site. Hope to have a paper out on this in the near future.

Have intended to send for your husband's book "The Archaeology of Denbigh" and wonder if you would send me a copy. Am enclosing a check for \$12.50 which, I believe, is the price. If this is not correct, please bill me for any difference.

Am sending a couple of copies of Tebiwa. One contains a very poorly written article on the thermal treatment and the other on the Folsom. Should have a paper on the Polyhedral cores and blades out in the near future.

Thank you again for trying to help me on my theory and do hope some days we will be in the East to visit your Museum and see some of Louis' material.

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtree