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Dear Al:

Thank you for your consideration in taking the time to write about your experience at the lithic technology field school. I, too, know how difficult it is to find time to write and am trying to finish up on odds and ends today as we leave for Smith River, Cal. tomorrow to visit with Dick Gould.

We were very pleased with the students at the field school this year and - in spite of everything - think it was rewarding for most. I am always happy to find students with mutual interests. My only reward for the lithic session is the ability to arouse interest and appreciation of lithic technology in students who want to continue in this field. Thank you for the kind words and just hope I deserve them.

Since you left, I have resolved the Danish blade technique and have been experimenting on it with French flint. It gives very straight large blades with minute platforms. Just use a small hammerstone and percussion. Plan to write a short paper on this when it is perfected. Gene also is experimenting with it and, between us I think we can perfect it. It also works beautifully for fluting - especially Clovis.

Chris is about finished with her thesis and then - I think plans to visit Rick in Wisc. Heard from Peter and he is moving to Nebraska. Also have heard from Rick and saw Joel briefly at ISU last week - on his way home.

Keep up the experiments and please let me know if I can help you in any way via the mails. If all goes well, we might be in Ariz. in January and will hope to see you then.

With Best Wishes,

Don E. Crabtree