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Dear Dick and Betsy,

My what an exciting experience you had in visiting the last of the flintknappers! I only wish that I could have been there. You are most fortunate to have been able to have visited with the last of the Australian aboriginals and the last of the post-classic gunflint makers. Doctor Leakey told me of the Snare family. I believe his name was also Fred so you are most fortunate to have contacted Mr. Avery and to have seen him actually detach the blade. I do hope that he let you try with your own hands. It is so thoughtful and kind of you to consider sending a CARE package--I will really look forward to this.

Is there anything that you would like to have me send to you for Mr. Fred Avery? I don't believe that by mail I can give him instructions on how to thin a biface...Other than I am using a soft stone percussor and slightly rotating the hammerstone at the moment of impact which causes a follow-through as the flake is detached. Often, for extreme thinness, I create a hinge fracture along the median line and then intersect the hinge fracture from the opposite margin causing the biface to be thinned.

I am glad to hear your book is coming along well and that you are in good company with Doctor Mc Burney. When it is completed I will like the name of the publisher and I wish it every success. I hope you and Betsy are having a ball in England and have a pint of bitters on me.

With best wishes,

Don

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