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Dear Jack :

Please excuse the tardy reply, but I have been confronted by a series of obsticals. My wife and I have had hospitalization, surgery and my wife passed away last month, at this time it seems nothing but sadness and confussion.

Jack I think that your paper is most important and your technological approaches should be pursued in detail. It is mos t difficult to describe manual manulipitive skills to the uninitiated . Your work should be illustrated by schetces and illustrations of the work as it progresses. A replica of an aboriginal piece would be appropriate. The value of experimental archaeology id to determine the technological approach used in the prehistory of man in time and space . Each flake or blade scar or the material detached bear certain diagnostic attributes which are usefull in determining the technique used in there detachment. The flake extentionapproach is of much interest and is used for extreme thinning by both aboriginal and experiment, it depends on the artifact being replicated. Francois Bordes, Bordeaux, France, Errett Calalaham, Anthro. Dept. Virginia Commonwealth University, Bruce Bradley, Southern Methodist Univ. Dallas, Texas. and my self. The methods of holding may differ from your techniques but the application of force # may be comparable, also the percussors will probably be of antler or hammerstones. Please do excuse the spelling and typeing. This letter is done in haste and I hate to redo it. I certainly encourage you to continue your work as independent approaches are so important.

With best regards

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