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Dear Barbara:

Thank you so much for sending the specimens of Ohio flint. I will save them for our flint collection of representative aboriginal materials. I feel that material studies will become increasingly important in the future study of man's prehistory. As we know, materials can only be moved from the natural source by man or travel a restricted distance by natural disturbance. Yet we find choice materials a considerable distance from their point of origin and must assume these were transported by man. It is also interesting to note that certain materials were selected for toolmaking to perform specific functions. For example, most of the Hopewell cores are made of altered Flintridge stone and, on occasion, one find a core of Harrison County, Indiana flint.

I have not made tests of the material you sent, yet it appears to be well suited for the Hopewell blade technique. However, I do not remember seeing any in the Hopewell collection made of this material. However, in other collections I have seen many projectile points and knives made of the material you sent.

I want to thank you again for the typical Ohio flint and I shall enjoy trying to work some of it.

With best regards,

Don E. Crabtree

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