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Dear Don:

Thank you for your recent letter (18 February, 1978). I am sorry to hear about the operations and hope that you will rapidly recuperate to full health. I will follow your advice and contact Mr. G. Titmus about obtaining the obsidian blades for micro-wear study here at Trent. The obsidian blades we have were recovered from excavations in NE Honduras (Dept. of Colón), an area that lies beyond the eastern and southern edge of the Maya zone (and probably outside the Mesoamerican culture area proper). The blades (over a hundred) are mostly attributable to the Cocal Period (post-1000 A.D.) with very little evidence of obsidian in earlier periods. Only one core has been found (greatly reduced) and I am inclined to believe that the blades themselves were traded (brought) into NE Honduras and not the cores (although our sample is obviously limited). I have a good advanced student writing a descriptive report for the spring term and will send you a copy upon completion. Again, thanks for the information and I hope you're feeling better daily.

Sincerely,

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