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Dear Julian:

Please excuse the tardy reply to your letter of August 24th but have just returned from a vacation on Vancouver Island and found a stack of mail awaiting my reply. Vancouver Island is simply beautiful country and we enjoyed using our new camper on the beaches and eating fresh fish and picking wild berries. We have also had to visit the Hudson-Meng site in Nebraska where we met with Wormington, Haynes and Shutler. It was good to see old friends again and to inspect the site. This is a very important bison jump site located on the border of the badlands and has stone tools in association with bone. It was a grand experience to be there when they uncovered stone tools imbedded in the bone.

Julian I am indebted to you for your interest in lithic technology and for encouraging students to try stone working. It makes all this tedious work worthwhile when we have a person like Jane who is enthusiastic about technology and willing to continue her experiments and relate them to typeology. She is, indeed, fortunate to have the opportunity to examine the Ventana Cave material in detail. I briefly saw some of the material from the cave and it holds great promise - particularly at the lower level where I noted a basally thinned point which resembled a Clovis. However, I do not know the provenience of this fluted artifact.

I can not thank you enough for the neoprene strips. The material is ideal for protecting the hand when detaching large pressure flakes. It also permits a more rigid support and causes the flakes to terminate by feathering.

I will make you a domed scraper in the near future - that is when I get caught up on the present backlog of mail. Evelyn and I look forward to a visit with you sometime later this year. We have not as yet set a definite date for our trip but hope to spend some time in Mexico and certainly will make a stop in Tucson on the way.

Thanks again for everything and on behalf of Jane I thank you for your support and encouragement.

With kindest personal regards,

Don E. Crabtree

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