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Dear Tom:

Sorry to be so tardy in replying. It has been unfortunate that I have had more hospitalization and a problem with prothrombin. My doctor advises me to forego the Belize trip for this year. Hopefully, I can make it next year with the health conditions much improved. I feel very sad about not being able to attend your camp and again seeing and visiting all of the wonderful participants.

I did so appreciate the card from Santiago.

Something of great interest has happened recently, and that is my acquisition of four Grand-Pressigny cores and a collection of proximal ends of blades from the same area. They have been provided by a friend of mine by the name of Peter Kelberborn from Zurich.

It will be exciting to compare technologies of these blades as related to the macro blades of Belize. I only hope that this year you will have a collection of cores with accompanying blade scars that comparison could be done to see if there are parallel or similar techniques present on the Belize cores and blades. One thing that still is a mystery to me is how the Belize blades were detached with such straightness and distal termination.

I am attempting to do some replication in obsidian; however, the response in obsidian as compared with flint is very different as the flint is much stiffer, which will naturally make a straighter blade.

I will certainly look forward to receiving any information regarding this particular core and blade technology.

My kindest personal regards to you all.

Don Crabtree

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