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Dear Don:

I got your letter before Christmas and was glad to hear from you.

The work here is quite interesting, dealing mainly with Late Palaeolithic materials. Technologically speaking it's fascinating because here you are dealing with tools that were largely formed before they were removed from the core, the opposite of American materials and they were technicians. We have one Levallois point that was made with a faceted platform from white rock q quartz. It's about five inches long and less than one-half inch wide. The control to produce this must have been interesting. I'll bring back some artifacts and maybe we can experiment with rock quartz in this fashion.

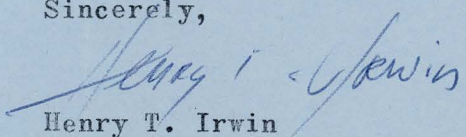
I have looked closely and found no evidence of the thermal treatment. However, this isn't surprising because there is no crystalline chert - all of it is small, exceedingly fine-grained nodules.

I have received a Fellowship for next year that will definitely give me the time and the resources to work with you. I should be able to get a little money for anything we need so all this looks good. I'm uncertain about the time and won't know till I hear how the Hell Gap proposal works out.

I was interested in your comments about the feathering problem, because you had mentioned it in Denver. This ability you discovered was in itself probably a major human discovery in early time, and I think there is evidence to suggest this technique spread over a number of typologically distinct projectile point forms about 10000 B.C.

Our best to your wife.

Sincerely,


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