

Peabody Museum
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts
October 1, 1963

Mr. Donald Crabtree
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Dear Don:

Well, the season at Hell Gap finally closed, with some interesting new discoveries, the most important of which was the revelation that one level contains Midland points grading into a Plainview type.

Right now we're in the process of disembarking for Nubia. We spent two weeks in Boulder looking at the collection which is quite distinctive. The raw material was small pebbles about 3x2x2 or so which they flaked all around in the Levallois fashion and then struck point and/or round flakes almost the size of the core. The shape was determined by the preparation and rarely was any retouch needed for the final product. It might be quite interesting if we can duplicate this technique and I'll bring back a sample from the Sudan.

I am still looking forward to working with you next spring and I gather from Marie that the project has Earl's blessing which is good. In the meantime, during those long Nubian nights, I'll continue whacking away. There's a variety of local material there, mostly small cobbles. However, there's a crude quartzite that outcrops in bigger pieces which may be workable.

Our best to your wife. Our address until October 25 is:
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Sincerely yours,


Henry T. Irwin

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