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Dear Jerome:

Thank you so much for the reprint on Paleolithic Occupation Floors in India. I find it most interesting, particularly your observation of the color changes on differences between the site material and possible source material. Is there any possibility that the material could have been intentionally altered by heating. If this is true, then the thermal technique would be very early in time. One of the first - but secondary - indications of heat treatment is color change - the primary purpose being to change the texture making it more vitreous and elastic and easier to work and giving a sharper cutting edge. If you are interested in pursuing this, Barbara Purdy, University of Florida, Dept. of Anthropology, Gainesville, Florida could make tests for you and would have a personal interest in the geographic location. She has been doing a great deal of work on thermal alteration.

Jerome, with all the confusion when I was in New York, I failed to get the name of the fellow who had the Afganstan cone with the polished perimeter. As I remember, he was with you. If you can supply his name, I will be most grateful, for I would like to correspond further with him. The cone specimen was really outstanding and technologically unique.

Thanks again for the reprint.

Sincerely yours,

Don E. Crabtree