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Dear Sir:

I am a Masters candidate at the University of Alabama. My thesis topic is an attempt to show a positive relationship between ovoid bifaces and the migration of side-notched projectile points from the continental U.S. to Alaska before 4000 B.C. Due to their size, I first thought these ovoids might have been used to prepare the initial notch on a projectile point. However, it now appears these implements might have been used instead to butcher and skin game animals. I need to know how the corner notches were made on projectile points. Did the artisans use a direct percussion method and retouch with a bone flaker or did they employ only the bone flaker?

In order to adequately answer how the ovoids were used I must make some myself and conduct experiments. Here again I run into difficulties - I am not as adept at lithic manufacture as yourself. Is there any way I can arrange with you to manufacture approximately six of these ovoids? Or, can you suggest how I might, with my limited skills, manufacture them?

Any suggestions you might have would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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