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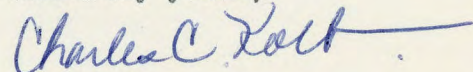
Dear Mr. Crabtree:

Last week at the American Anthropological Association meeting in Seattle I had the pleasure of viewing the film "Stone Techniques of the Upper Paleolithic and New World" in which Francois Bordes and yourself demonstrated various lithic shaping techniques. I was quite impressed with the film and with your skilled craftsmanship. For someone that has dabbled in stone working I know of some of the problems, and I should like to complement you on a job well-done and for participating in the film which will assist our teaching problems immensely. We have already acquired the first Berkeley film concerning the Lower Paleolithic, and we shall be purchasing the new film when it becomes available in January.

Upon my return to the University the newest issue of American Antiquity was in my mailbox, and I was pleased to see your article "Mesoamerican Polyhedral Cores and Prismatic Blades." If you have reprints available, I would very greatly appreciate receiving one for teaching purposes in our laboratory courses. While reading the article two thoughts struck me. Are color 35mm slides of the equipment utilized, the raw prepared core and finished products, and stop-action shots of the technique available for sale? These would be invaluable additions to the films and would offer points for discussion and elaboration during classroom sessions. Secondly, are there any finished products (particularly bifacially pressure flaked items) for sale? We are presently developing an Anthropology Museum with some emphasis on ceramic and lithic technologies, tracing clay and stone from the raw material to the finished forms.

Again may I thank you for a most pleasurable demonstration of these lithic techniques.

Sincerely yours,



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