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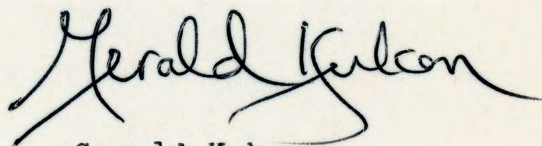
Dear Mr. Crabtree,

Thank you for your warm letter of Sept. 9. I appreciate it especially since I was uncertain that the package of flint would arrive safely.

I have typed this letter because unfortunately my last handwritten letter may have misled you. I am a graduate student and not a faculty member at the University of Toronto. In any case, there is certainly no need to address me by a title.

I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to request information of you which may be significant to my thesis research. One aspect of my research concerns possible prehistoric techniques for the deliberate fragmenting of blade/bladelet blanks for the subsequent production of geometric microliths. I am interested in techniques other than the microburin technique which does not appear in many assemblages which do feature geometric microliths. For this study I have developed a typology of the morphology of broken blade/bladelet ends. I am also experimenting by deliberately fragmenting in various ways a sample of blades and bladelets that M. Tixier has produced for me. I notice that on page 83 of your publication 'An Introduction to Flintworking', you have illustrated examples of perverse fractures. These seem to bear some relation to patterns of breakage on flint that I have observed. I would like to know if you have done any extensive work along lines similar to my research or if you know of someone who has. I will be grateful for any information that you can give me on this matter.

With best wishes,



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