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Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of March 11th and South America really sounds exciting. I am glad to hear of the edgeground cobbles as I am currently doing some limited experiments with them in an entirely different technique. Am getting flatter blades with almost no platform. Will give more details later when the experiments are complete.

Thanks for recommending Peggy Powers. I sent a copy of your letter to Earl Swanson as he will make the final selection of attendants. Her mere 110 pounds weight is no problem for it does not require a lot of push for pressure work. In fact, it might be an advantage because the size of flakes removed is of little importance and minute controlled retouch (Cape Danbeigh) is far more important than large random flaking.

To date, I have had three female students and they have all been exceptional. From these results, it is beginning to look like the female has been liberated for a long time. It may well be that the female made or retouched her own stone tools. Maybe with more experiments we will be able to distinguish the tools manufactured by females from the male flintknapper tools. I am sure that anyone that you recommend would fit in with our program and hope that Peggy will be chosen.

Hope Cornell will be represented in our field school and that we will see you at one of the meetings in the future.

With best wishes,

Don E. Crabtree

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