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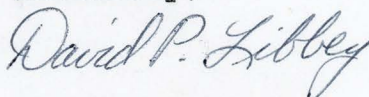
Dear Mr. Crabtree:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Dr. James Hill. I am a graduate student at UCLA and am currently attempting to define a dissertation problem. This past summer I was with Jim Sackett's "Solvieux Project" in France, and while there I became interested in the techniques of stone-tool manufacture and use. I am particularly interested in the flint waste material, which occurs in great quantities throughout the site, and in the possibility that a study of this waste material might give information about tool manufacture.

If you have the opportunity, I would be most interested in hearing any ideas you have -- or any references to the literature you might suggest -- regarding stone-tool manufacture and use, debitage studies, and the morphological and structural properties of silicious rocks. I hope to develop a classification of silicious waste material which will be relevant to the technical steps in stone-tool manufacture, and which will also take into account formal differences in waste flakes produced by rather minor structural variations in silicious rocks. My procedure, once I have developed a classification, will be application to the "Solvieux" material for testing and modification, and then expansion, using the modified classification, to a comparison of the "Solvieux" material with other Magdellenean material.

My literary sources thus far are Wilmsen, Bordes, Crabtree, Seminov and Witthoft.

Sincerely,



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