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Dear Don,

Just received this morning a copy of John Atherton's thesis from the Univ. of Oregon. It's called Prehistoric Manufacturing sites at North American Stone Quarries. It's short (80 pages) and I've only read it through once quickly. His first and gravest mistake was writing in 1966 and not even mentioning your name in the text or bibliography! He way over simplifies the manufacturing methods (says most N. American Indians used roughly the same techniques!) and doesn't once mention percussion vs. pressure flaking... ~~///~~ how one might distinguish the two. He also seems to be really sold on the mathematical calculation sort of analysis. There are a number of pages of charts listing x number of flakes found in quadrant such and such, etc. His map is really rough, not even bothering to show north. At least he gives Holmes some credit, but also says he agrees for the most part with Kirk Bryan. His conclusions seem at first glance fairly valid, such as the absence of hammerstones, the absence of well defined cores and blades and the absence of any finely worked small tools. Anyway, maybe I'm being overly harsh and will get more out of it with careful reading. Just wanted to let you know I'm working on it. Am also sending along the incomplete entries from the biblio. If you should happen to find any of the dates or other missing information please let me know.

Clay

Have you ever heard of a turtleneck core? He makes a reference to that type, and I'm assuming he means turtleback.

cc. 6.4.77