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Dear Mr. Crabtree.

Some weeks ago I was in Whittier, California in the home of Malcolm Farmer. He showed me several of your publications on stone working. Although there was time for only a quick scanning of each, I was fascinated, particularly by the matter of heat treatment, which I had not heard about before. I wonder if you have any offprints or extra copies of any of these (*Tebua* and *Amer. Antiq.*)?

I had just come from the Leakey Conference concerning the Calico Mts. site. It is a pity that you were not there, with your knowledge of various matters that came into dispute. As you know, geological estimates for the age of the site gave it a minimum of 50,000 years, and this no one disputed. But the whole conference was thrown off balance at the end by an impressive though unsupported opinion of a U.S.S. man that the fan deposits were 500,000 years old. Archaeologists, of course, ran for cover. But the question remains of human vs. natural answers for the specimens. I could accept a natural explanation for a large part of them, under particular conditions. But those conditions are not found in an alluvial fan, where the stones are encased in dough-like mud. The circumstances of occurrence rule out natural explanations, for me. Of course, most archaeologists were looking for biface, something familiar, and they weren't there.

I'm much interested in your viewpoints on stone-working, as I've occasionally done a little experimenting myself, mostly on quartzite. Also, I had been in close touch with Dan Josselyn of Alabama, until his death last winter, a great experimenter. I write now, as editor of the *Anthropological Journal of Canada*, to ask if you would consider letting us have one of your manuscripts in future for publication. We move papers out pretty quickly.

Sincerely,

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