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Dear David:

Please excuse the tardy reply to your letter of April 10th, but have been really busy. Had Tixier here for a week - then to Tucson to meet with Bordes, then home for a session with Bird and Gould and am just now trying to catch up on correspondence. While Junius was here, he called his wife to have her convey a message to Dr. Solecki regarding the visit of Tixier to your department. So, by this time, I am sure you have discussed your problem of cores with Tixier who is the real expert in this field. There is just no one better qualified to pass judgement on technological features.

I am reluctant to make statements regarding your material which would be based on drawings alone, for they represent only one dimension and one needs to see and study the actual material. For the time being, David, I would not stress the billet technique, for it does not leave the edge or bulb features you describe.

I will be more than pleased to see and analyze the cores if you come to Idaho in August. Then we could attempt a detailed analysis and perhaps determine the knapping tool. We plan to conduct a school on lithic technology from July 5th to August 5th and after that I may make a short trip to the Grasshopper Field School in Arizona. Should be at home and free after August 15th. If you can arrange to be here during this time, I would be very happy to see these cores.

The University of Alberta is a fine institution and I am sure your association with Allan and Ruth will be very rewarding.

With best wishes.

Don E. Crabtree