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Don Crabtree
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Dear Don:

It's my turn to apologize for not replying sooner but I've been trying (unsuccessfully I'm afraid) to finish my thesis before I leave for Edmonton at the beginning of August.

Tixier never stopped off here. Evidently he found himself very pressed for time. However, I've tried to solve some of my typological and technological problems from my own experience and a reading of the literature.

Unfortunately, all of my material is in storage at S.M.U. and as the department has just moved to a new building it's impossible to get anything out. But I would still like to stop off for a day or two on my way north if you'll still have time and energy for yet another visitor. I doubt very much if I'll get away from here much before August 5th though. Are you still planning a trip to Grasshopper after your own field school is finished? You said in your letter that after August 15th would be the best time and I am wondering if it might be possible to visit before that, say, about the 10th?

Since I first wrote you I've had a chance to look at some of Louis Dupree's Upper Palaeolithic material from Afghanistan. Dupree thinks the stuff dates about 14,000 B.C., and if so, he has what I suspect is the earliest occurrence of polyhedral blade cores yet discovered. And they're practically identical to those you illustrated in your American Antiquity article! The only difference seems to be the lack of ground platforms on the Afghanistan cores. Similar types of cores are also turning up in Iran where Frank Hole dates them to about 7-8000 B.C. and there are indications in the Zarzian in Iraq too. But these from Afghanistan are really spectacular. I will try and get some from Dupree to show you but he may have left for the field by now.

Hope to see you in August.

Sincerely,

David

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