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Dear Mr. Cratree,

It was a great delight for me to receive your letter of 25th February. I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging it as I have been away in the field.

I fully share ^{your} sentiments about our friend, Richard Gould. I had known of his work from his writings and from my first visit to Australia in 1971. This time I was very lucky to meet him in person in Canberra. Richard has an infectious enthusiasm for archaeology, and is always so eager to share his knowledge and experience with others. I consider it very fortunate for me to have made his acquaintance, ^{and} friendship.

^{and} I have also been lucky to have known of your work through your writings and through other common friends. My friend, Dr. Jerome Jacobson of City College, New York had sent me your paper on "Mesoamerican polyhedral cores and prismatic blades" published in American Antiquity and I read it with great interest and profit. In 1970 I spent two months in Bordeaux with Professor Francois Bordes. On that occasion I also met Jacques Tixier and showed some microlithic cores from India to both of them. Tixier's immediate comment was that these cores were worked by pressure technique. He said there was no doubt about it. I had already acquired Tixier's book before going to Europe in July 1970, ^{and} have been using it for my research and teaching.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to me that in spite of your wide experience in the study and replication of blade and micro blade artefacts you found the Indian cores of additional interest. Perhaps you know that microliths were collected in India as early as 1867-68 in large quantities in the rock shelters of Central India. Since then hundreds of sites have been discovered almost all over the country, and we now have very rich evidence for the Mesolithic cultures. If you would need more cores and related artefacts whenever you find time for experimenting with these cores, I will be very glad to send you.

Seperately, I am sending you a couple of my papers on microliths which I hope you will find of interest. For myself I will feel very obliged to received any of your publications which may be available with you.

Would it be alright if I quote your comments on Indian cores in some future writing of mine?

Thanking you again, and very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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