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Dear Dan:

Thanks and my congratulations on two fine papers. I would like to keep them if I may. They contribute much significant information on blades in the United States which have a much wider distribution than is commonly thought. Blades probably bear more diagnostic attributes than do chipped stone artifacts. Unfortunately, blades are seldom found in mint condition and must be reconstructed from the broken and used pieces and, therefore, seldom are recognized as blade parts.

The ground edges on the Hopewell cores may be due to their functional performance when the core was exhausted. The platform part of the core made a very servicable tool. If the platforms of the blades show polishing or grinding this indicates a preparation technique to strengthen the platform and insure against its collapse which would, of course, ruin the core. Unfortunately I have not been able to examine Hopewell blades to relate them to the cores.

I am now working on a paper dealing with the Danish blades and the detachment technique. Swanson is expecting this for Tebiwa so, for now, will be unable to do a paper for the Arkansas Archaeologist. Also I don't feel qualified to make conclusion about the Jaketown cores and blades because of the limited number I have reviewed. I did see a few at Southern Methodist but did not have sufficient time to do a comprehensive analysis.

Again, thanks for the fine contributions to the profession.

Sincerely,

Don E. Crabtree

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