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Dear Hans:

Many thanks for your very interesting letter of January 3. I am so pleased that you are continuing experiments on the fracture of lithic materials. There will be increasing need for this information. Dr. Speth has opened many avenues of subjects that need further exploration and I am fortunate to have his dissertation. Your approach of using basic technical data on stone working will be far more rewarding than the long attribute lists often encumbering rather than aiding the obvious.

I am very much interested in the Swiss Neolithic hafted tools. Your book on these artifacts will furnish much needed information that will be necessary to perform functional experiments in experimental archaeology. When it is published, please keep me informed as to how I may obtain a copy.

I have been corresponding with a man in Zurich who is most interested in the pre-history of Switzerland, particularly the Swiss Neolithic. His name is G. F. Will, Bank of America, Zurich Branch, 14/16 Bearsenstrasse, Postfach 974 8022 Zurich; you should have much in common. He spent some time with Francois Bordes this last summer working on a burin problem and Bordes said he was a very nice man. I told him about you and he may have contacted you by now. I saw Francois in December while at a meeting in Illinois.

I have a little paper on the Obtuse Angle as a Functional Edge that I will send you upon printing. I am pleased that you are continuing your work in the Arctic and do hope that you will some day find the tipping flakes from a Dorset point. I am baffled with the technological approach; it appears impossible, yet they did it???

Evelyn and I send our best wishes,

Don Crabtree

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