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Dear Hans:

Thank you for your most interesting letter of March 7th. You are, indeed, a very busy man who is contributing valuable information to the profession.

I will certainly look forward to the results of the fracture research. Dr. Speth will be a great asset in this field. I am particularly interested in the polish patination. I first saw this on some specimens collected in Algeria by Jacques Tixier. Believe they were from a boil spring. The polish seemed to be the result of a thin layer of transparent silica. The silica deposit was non-crystalline, yet it was not opal. It is a mystery to me how a natural deposition of this material can form at apparently low temperatures. It will be most interesting to learn of the conclusions of the chemists.

I hope to have some papers on the cone fracture, knapping terminology, obtuse angles, etc. published soon and will see that copies are sent to you.

Francois Bordes is coming to Washington State University on the 9th of April and I am to meet him there for a symposium and some flintknapping demonstrations. It will be good to work with him again.

With best wishes,

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