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Dr. Paul Martin
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Dear Dr. Martin:

Both Evelyn and I want to thank you for the very enjoyable visit at Vernon and the opportunity to study your most interesting materials and learn so much from you and your students. I am only sorry that we did not have more time to make a more detailed study.

Your assemblage of cutting implements made on flakes with their many styles of backing were most interesting. These knives show definite modes of manufacture with at least four types of backing. These tools have opened a whole new field of thought on artifacts for me, and they could be as diagnostic as projectile points or scrapers. These cutting implements done on flakes by a whole new set of techniques seem to be the counterpart of the backed blades of the Old World. You are most fortunate to have such a fine assemblage of the different types. I will surely look forward to your paper on this most interesting material.

At Grasshopper, I made a replica of this type of knife and it was used, when skinning, to make the first incision on the bear. You have, no doubt, heard the full story of this bear from Longacre.

We had a most interesting visit at both Williams' dig at Bernalillo and Wormington's at Kersey. Both have some fine material. It was also a pleasure and most instructive to meet and compare notes with Tindale at Boulder.

Again I want to thank you for the pleasant visit at Vernon and the most generous check. I am much indebted to you. Should there be anything I can do for you, at any time, please say the word. Evelyn is working on the tapes and will send you a copy. My best wishes to you, Betty Meadow, John Fritz, Jim Hill and all your personnel and crew.

Sincerely yours

Don E. Crabtree

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