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Dear Bill:

Please excuse the tardy reply to your letter of January 16th, but I have just returned from a trip to the University of Arizona in Tucson and the Museum of Man in San Diego where I was studying collections.

While in Tucson, I met Ed Ferdon and was able to examine his collection of Ecuador blades found in the vicinity of La Libertad due west of Guayaquil. These are of almost transparent obsidian and have specially prepared platforms and other identifying traits of workmanship. Thought you might be interested because the obsidian seems to be very similar to that you described from El Inga. Another point that you may want to compare to your El Inga is one found in British Guiana and shown in B.A.E. Bulletin 177, Plate 8, Evans and Meggers.

Junius Bird sent me three points which came from Patagonia which are extremely interesting. In form they appear to be quite similar to those of yours from Ecuador. However, since I had seen only sketches of your points, I couldn't make a technological comparison. These points, which I understand from Junius are surface finds, show some distinctive traits which are most interesting. If I am fortunate enough to attend the S.A.A. meeting this Spring, I would like to discuss them with you in more detail. If possible, bring one of the El Inga points with you and, hopefully, one with the distal end.

Had a nice letter from Bordes and at the present time he is having a little problem with high blood pressure. Surely do hope he will be better and able to visit the States this Fall.

Bill, I would certainly appreciate a copy of the paper on lithic analysis you gave in Argentina and any others that you may have on the El Inga material. I do hope we can see you at the conference and would look forward to having you visit us here in Idaho.

With best wishes,

Don E. Crabtree

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