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Dear Mr. McCollough:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 7th and please pardon the delay in replying. I have been on the run since April 8th and am just now getting to neglected correspondence. Tixier arrived the 9th and on the 20th we drove to Tucson to meet with Bordes. Had a seminar at Tucson and Tempe and then back to Kimberly. Then Bird and Gould arrived from New York and have just left. These have been really fine sessions, but am far behind in my writing. Your interest in the technological aspects of typeology is a particular interest to me, since both Tixier, Bordes and myself have been stressing this point for some time - there can be no typeology without a thorough knowledge of the working techniques and technological aspects. I do not know if you are familiar with Dr. Tixier, but he is a superior typeologist. He has just published a book in three parts - "Fiches Typologiques Africaines" which is the best I have ever read. The books are made up of separate cards showing drawings of types - direction of force, flake scars, etc. and the technique is explained and the definition. I would certainly recommend that you try to get this series of books, but I understand that it is almost out of print. He also has a former book "The typeology Du Maghreb" which I believe is out of print, but you might inquire about this one also. If you care to write, his address is Dr. Jacques Tixier, Museum National D'Histoire Naturelle, Prehistoire, 1 Rue Rene Panhard, Paris, XIII, France. These are the best. Also, I highly recommend Bordes book "The Old Stone Age".

We are discussing now a joint glossary of flintknapping terms and hope to get together on this when Bordes returns to Kimberly in September. This I believe is important for we can devise some terms applicable to techniques which would be internationally understood. A big job, but it should be a pleasure working with these two men.

With Bordes coming in September, a trip to Mexico in November and the session at the American Museum in New York in February and a tentative agreement with Toronto, it is hard to say if and when I could come to Ohio. I certainly do thank you and Dr. Williams for the invitation and, if at any time I can work out a schedule that will permit this I will certainly write and see if the welcome mat is still out.

Thank again for the nice letter and do hope one of your students will be among the five to attend the flintknapping school in July.

Sincerely yours,

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