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Dear Pat:

Many thanks for a very fine publication on the Mauna Kea Adz Quarry. It's a real important contribution to the profession. I really appreciate it.

It's unfortunate that you weren't able to attend the field school in Pullman, Washington, with Paul Cleghorn. He was a really fine fellow and I enjoyed his company very much. Also, I think he picked up several technologies regarding Adz manufacturing.

I had a nice letter from Dick Gould telling me of his many projects for the forthcoming season. I do hope that he will be able to spend a little time on the continent that we may have another pleasant visit. He is so full of such interesting information.

You may find it of interest that a year ago while in Belize (British Honduras) they had a great Adz industry and a novel way of sharpening. They removed a tangential flake across the face of the Adz. There are simply thousands of these flakes. They call them "orange peel" flakes and they were removed from right to left, and left to right, thereby conserving the Adz material. It is much like the transient blow cleaver of the Old World. I don't believe basalt would lend itself to this technique, but it is interesting and it saves a lot of grinding.

The Easter Island obsidian industries are most interesting and particularly with their isolation from the mainlands. I heard from Marie Wormington that Bill Mulloy is seriously ill in Denver. I do hope that he has a quick recovery. Your studies on Easter Island are most exciting to me. I often think of my most pleasant visit in Hawaii and would some day like to return. I hope everything is going well with you and that you are in good health and good spirits.

Your friend,

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