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Dear Don:

Ever so many thanks for sending Mrs. Mackenzie the beautiful specimens of Aztec Razors. It is a real accomplishment to have learned how to split the obsidian in such a way as to produce these fine cutting edges, and you deserve great praise.

I am a general surgeon and have become so used to the disposable steel blades we use, that it would be hard to change. Also, I would be scared that I might break such a delicate cutting instrument. However, the points you bring up regarding rapidity of healing because of the minimal injury to the tissues, are well taken, and I wonder if this principle could not be put to good use in cutting the ends of nerves prior to suturing them. The idea of being able to slice a one cell organism in two certainly speaks for itself and should open the way for untold applications in the future.

I am returning the bulk of these specimens to you having kept out one or two just to show some of my colleagues how truly sharp they are.

Again many, many thanks for giving me this opportunity to see and handle these exquisitely sharp Aztec Razors.

Very sincerely,


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