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Attn. Mr. Hugh H. Howard

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your offer of some of the recent fall from Mexico. It is most thoughtful of you and I appreciate being remembered.

I never have been much on exchanging as there is always a delicate question of what is fair, both as to size and type, and often it involves a great of work on both sides. Moreover, many of our specimens are complete and we prefer to leave them that way rather than to cut or break.

I know this is the chance of a lifetime but I just don't have any truly comparable material to offer. We have all of the two carbonaceous chondrites we collected but the quantities were very tiny.

You are certainly not obligated to hold this offer open, but if something occurs to me soon that might facilitate an exchange and be acceptable to you I will communicate further. I would be willing to entertain a purchase and don't feel that would be inconsistent with your non-profit basis, as you doubtless had considerable expense in making these acquisitions.

Sincerely,

*Donal Murray*