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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
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Dear Oscar:

Thanks for your letter of November 14 and in looking through the records I find we had some correspondence with Mr. Long. It appears that he wrote about the specimen but never sent it for examination. We cannot make an offer for something that we have not examined. Between what information I gathered from his correspondence and yours I now have a little dope about this new meteorite.

On April 16 I wrote Mr. Long that there were four meteorites from approximately the same place as the new discovery. Therefore, his new find should be compared with the other specimens before it is announced as a new meteorite. For your information the records of the other meteorites in that area are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Kingfisher	Kingfisher	35° 49'	98° 8'
Marlow	Stephens	34° 36'	97° 55'
Walters	Cotton	34° 21'	98° 29'
Weatherford	Custer	35° 29'	98° 40'
Amber	Grady	34° 10'	97° 53'

From the map and your letter the specimen apparently comes from a point nearer Amber than Chickasha, surely you will agree that we better use the simpler name, who can pronounce the other?

From Mr. Long's letter to us on May 2, 1956, it appears that he reclaimed all the pieces from the University of Oklahoma. So keep after him I think you will get it.

If I had referred to my state lists before writing you or had I looked into the card catalog I would have seen the penciled entry of Chickasha. I did not like to record them as actual meteorites before someone has looked at the specimen who knows what a meteorite looks like. I am now recording it in our records as the Amber meteorite.

I have ordered the reprints of the Richland and will send your half of the 100 I ordered when they are received.

The return of the Richland specimen will be discussed in a separate letter because I think there are letters in the files dealing with that.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Monnig, I remain

Cordially yours,

Ed.

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