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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
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Dear Oscar:

Our letters on the Chickasha, Oklahoma, stone seem to have crossed in the mails. I think you have made Mr. Van Long a fair offer and I certainly hope he takes you up. If Leonard gets the specimen, it is lost to science because his collection is not actively used as a reference collection for studies.

It is unfortunate that the Chickasha specimen was cut up before it was examined by someone familiar with stony meteorites because it is possible there were interesting surface features. The picture we received did not indicate anything unusual but one cannot always tell by pictures.

Your proposal does not exclude Leonard from getting his specimen and definitely is a far more generous offer for the general science of meteorites than the one Leonard made. I hope you get it.

Since there is a chance Van Long's specimen is related to some other iron in that area I do not recommend increasing the offer.

Cordially yours,

Ed.

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