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Dear Frederick:

I enclose copies of a recent exchange of correspondence with Van Long about the Amber, Oklahoma, meteorite. I didn't want to exceed your offer and intended to just work with you if he accepted. He knows I know you and am in touch with you. This is a violation of the anti-trust law, as we are engaged in a conspiracy in restraint of trade!

He has at least softened to the extent that he admits he may some day sell it; originally he took the position he just wanted to keep it and would never part with it. It looks like it will take a little more waiting and hoping to get him around.

His reference to unwrapping it and finding it all right is occasioned by my warning him that it might rust and deteriorate. His desire to keep the end piece is understandable and reasonable. The battle is now on the price.

I got another old stone the other day, January 1--started the New Year right! It comes from Forestburg, Montague County, Texas, and I will write the details when I close the trade and get it investigated. It is a very old, weathered specimen roughly 8 inches in diameter and I don't know the weight.

Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

