

5 lb 7oz + end piece
1 lb 13oz + next slice
1 lb + next slice

piece kept by Van Long 8 lb 4oz +
1 lb + ???

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Dear Frederick:

I took my vacation in mid-July, and am just now burrowing out from under the accumulated work and correspondence of such an absence to get around to answering your letter.

Thanks for working with me on the acquisition of the Amber specimen; Van Long cashed his check and is presumably satisfied. However, don't condemn the good man; he was merely horse-trading for all he could get, and remember he can sell it only once! Social note: his wife runs a beauty parlor, or at least works in one.

I am typing this letter at the store, but will put in approximate weights and sizes of the pieces of this stone as they now exist. I am willing to take the financial burden of the extra \$50 I paid, which I think was absolutely necessary to get the specimens. I suggest we therefore just figure that the material cost \$200, and that you and the University take what you please on that basis.

I feel this would be fair and liberal, since I actually also "donated" two trips on the matter. I give you full precedence, and invite your response and reaction. I would like very much, of course, to have at least one piece, and have no objection keeping as many as you do not want. There was never any hope of getting the end piece, as Van Long said from the beginning he wanted to retain that. And it's certainly fair enough for a finder to want part of his prize!

We took a vacation trip to the Pacific Northwest and home by way of Lake Louise, etc.; tell Rhoda we thought of her often when in Victoria and Vancouver for a few days.

Sincerely,