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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig  
29 Chelsea Drive  
Fort Worth 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Monnig:

You certainly are doing a splendid job and I am pleased to learn that you have recovered a specimen of the recent fall. The Good Lord is certainly pelting Texas with meteorites this year. If you get several of these, I trust that at least one of them can be turned over to the Museum for study. The Harleton stone is getting the works now and at least seven institutions are grinding away on it. A chemical analysis plus some mineralogical studies have been started, and a report will be made next spring at the scientific meetings.

I am giving you no competition as I have not written a single letter to any of my contacts down there.

Next week I expect to leave for northern Alabama to recover a large iron meteorite. The pieces sent us indicate that it is a very old fall and a very large one. However, it is much less exciting to dig up an old one than to track down a witnessed fall such as you are doing.

I think you got several reports of the Harleton, Texas fall, and I would like to add your records to the final report on this stone. Of course, you will be given due credit for it.

Cordially yours,

*E. P.*

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