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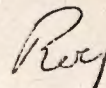
Dear Ed:

I thought the Bells, Texas question was settled. There is no reason that I know of to believe that our material really is meteoritic. Kurt Fredriksson has examined it in thin-section since you brought up the question. We do not know for sure what it is, but we are confident that it is not meteoritic. I am sorry that this information did not get to you sooner.

Ed, could you ask Carleton Moore for Coolidge? I hate to turn away a request for such a small amount, but he does have much more of it than we do. Our piece could not be easily cut without detracting from the small, weathered surface available here.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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