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

Dear Mr. Monnig:

I am very interested in learning about the condition of the Bells meteorite sample which was analyzed by John Oró (University of Houston). Professor Oró has told me that he received the sample about 5 November 1964 from Brian Mason (then at the American Museum of Natural History), and that Mason had received the stone from you.

Mason described the sample as "the freshest material of Bells which I have available. It consists of two fragments broken from a single piece."

Your original communication in Meteoritics notes that some of the material later recovered and added to your collection had been subjected to hurricane rains. Was Oró's sample collected before or after the hurricane?

I will appreciate your help.

Very truly yours,

John Hayes

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Perhaps there is another piece in the puzzle - Ed Anders just told me that Mason probably got his material from Henderson at the Smithsonian.