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Dear Mr. Monnig;

If I had S. W. on the sketch of the cloud I copied it wrong. The original is S.E. and ofcourse thats the right direction.

The fabulous prices offered for the meteorite has stirred considerable interest. I have much correspondence and a few good leads. The disappointing thing is the published statement form the Smithsonian that they are worth \$100.00 to \$200.00 per pound. However another account from the same source gave \$16.00 per pound.

After running up several blind alleys I came home Saturday with a fine 15 pound iron. It fell about 6 years ago in Arkansas the man being awakened by the light and noise. Next morning when he went out doors he found his plow broken and the "rock" close by. The family soon after came to Ala. and one of the children gave it to her 4th grade school teacher in Boaz. She can not remember the childs name as they moved on again soon after.

The object is quite dark with some brownish spots, heavily coated with oxide and strongly magnetic. While I have an 8 inch diamond saw I havent cut it, for while quite irregular there are no protruding corners, and any slice would cover several square inches.

Personally I think Mrs. Chitwood is morally obligated to the school for some sort of exhibit, so I suggested she sell it on the following basis: some money and a slice polished and etched to be returned to her, as this would be as instructive and as educational as in its present form, for exhibiting to students.

Though astronomy is my first love I can not take on this meteorite as a collectors item. I have Revolutionary War relics, works of art, old books, historical papers and other items which need attention and preservation, so that if you are interested I will "negociate" for you or you can get in touch with her yourself, Mrs. H. O. Chitwood, McClesky Street, Boaz, Ala. She wanted me to act as agent and sell on a commission basis, but I told her my interest was strictly scientific and historical, and I would take no money, but if it was cut up I would take a slice.

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I have another good lead that looked promising, but having thrown cold water on his idea of value and given him a rigid outline of tests, I fear he has become suspicious of me. He was to try to hack saw off a piece Sunday, but he hasn't contacted me and does not return my calls.

Its about 12 miles beyond Jasper, and he plowed it up last year reclaiming and old field. It must weigh over 100 lbs. as one man can not pick it up but he can roll it. It may be brown ore which occurs in widely scattered lumps, in contrast to our red ore which is stratified. Otherwise it sounds good though they always allude to the "rock". While my first contacts with him were most enthusiastic he was not at all receptive to my going out with him last Sunday. May be its not on his land.

Am still prodding the papers to keep up enthusiasm. Next week Alabama Magazine will come out with a cut on plate paper. News print just doesn't show them up.

Sincerely yours
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