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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig,
312 West Leuda Street,
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Monnig:

Very glad to hear from you as well as learn you are making new finds in meteorites.

The specimen of Boerne arrived and it is a dead match in character to our sample. We have cut and polished one face of ours so I have only a small portion of the broken surface to attempt to fit onto your specimen. It is impossible to make a neat fit as I fear many small pieces have been broken off and it would be quite unlikely to see these two join nicely together.

The specimen sent has about the outside curvature as ours, and could, if that means anything, come from the same individual. However, if this is true the size does not look as if the original could have weighed any 34 or 22 kilograms, the weight reported for the original specimen, that is, unless their shapes were very irregular.

Now we look on meteorites as scientific specimens to serve those interested in them and not as something to hoard and make others envious of our possessions. We have a specimen of Boerne, so I suggest that you retain a specimen in your collection. My feeling is that it is important mostly to have meteoritic material distributed into the hands of persons interested in them as far as is possible.

I would like to get some of the material you have recently found for representation in the Museum's collections. If you would care to sell a small specimen, please give us a chance to purchase. How about the Davy stone?

We will have a slice of the coarsest octahedrite ready for you whenever you want one. I hope to exchange the meteorite as far^{as} it will permit cutting. So far have not offered to/^{it}many.

Cordially yours,

E. P. Henderson