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Mr Oscar E Monnig
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr Monnig: Say your first name is same as my middle name but never tell anybody.

Last night when I returned from two days in the Brenham territory I found your letter and the books on my desk as well as a box from Dr. Ninger containing couple stony meteorites for my test on my machine. I wanted to see if there was enough iron in the stony meteorites to work my machine before going into the Ness county fall.

I enjoyed reading the fascicles and will order some of the others soon. From the books I note most of the members are scientists or professors but have decided for two reasons to join, first because you ask me and second because my stone pile is larger after this expedition. Wednesday morning I picked up a reading the first time across the 160 acres.

Located top end of it 12 inches below the surface. Went to house after the farmer and his tractor. It was a nice shaped stone about 20 inches long, slightly pear shaped. No fragments had rusted off like the other one. Weight 220 lbs. Last round Wednesday night picked up another reading. Located it 22 inches down with my auger. Was too tired to start digging. Did not find anything yesterday but played out entirely about four PM. Reason I didnt dig it out yesterday was one of my boys in the shop has been down and wants to help dig out one so we are going down Sunday and recover it and bring two of them home in the pickup. What a day we will have. I will keep the instrument working and he can get the experience of digging one out. Hows that for two days work. My services would be \$50. per day to work that had for anybody. I would like for some scientist to tell me how to get your old bones out of bed next morning after a field trip.

This stone much deeper than the rest, may be larger or a small one on end.

Have a lot to write and ask you about sometime, especially about Oklahoma and some of the big sand pits along the Arkansas river.

You can borrow the negative anytime. I had a bunch printed to send to my stamp collector freinds telling I was too busy to collect stamps at present.

Have contracted four quarters of the most like land in the Brenham fall so will have plenty of work.

Let me know if you have a specimen from the shower. May find some small specimens. Would find a nice specimen for a name plate from a Texas made car.

Will try and get few pictures Sunday or when get couple here on display. Am anxious to see what leads I can pick up from a nice display.

Yours truly

H. O. Stratwell