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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
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Dear Oscar:

Your letter of October 24 brings both good as well as bad news. I am delighted you folks will be here for the Meteoritical Society meetings. I do want you to see the new Meteorite Hall which is going to be opened soon. We are giving those attending the meetings a peak at it, but the official opening will not be until about November 30. Thus, there may be a few unfinished spots in the hall.

I am very sorry that you are not the happy satisfied owner of the main mass of the Tishomingo meteorite. I actually supposed you had him won over by this time, or had taken possession of it by gun point. I am afraid that chap can see in your eyes how badly you want that specimen.

You should know I would not bid against you on this specimen. Actually, I have not given out much information other than the name of the meteorite, so I doubt if he has been contacted by anybody who has worked on this specimen.

I was rather confident that you had the main specimen and would be generous enough to let us have these small pieces that I put in the accession papers for. You could then write off these pieces as a tax deduction.

The larger of the two pieces is on display in the new Meteorite Hall. We have a very remarkable color picture showing its structure in the display. The small polished piece is in my room which we show with great pride to interested visitors.

The colored prints of the meteorite were returned because I recall you asking for them. We made a negative of them to have in our file.

Best luck, see you soon.

Cordially yours,

Ed.

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