

5 lbs 8 oz + on
parcel from Alaska

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Dr. E. P. Henderson,
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Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thanks for your Jan. 18th letter concerning the little Tishomingo specimen. I am in no hurry about it. Naturally I shall be intrigued by your further findings.

Meanwhile, on my last trip up there I secured the piece of about $5\frac{1}{2}$ pounds which you had up there once before for H_2 testing. The boy who owns it doesn't want to part with it yet, but has given me permission to have it cut in two.

I am expressing it to you today and want to ask if you can cut this and polish and etch both pieces. Then you are free to examine this all you want to in a non-destructive way, but ultimately I shall have to account to the owner and return the pieces to him. Is this arrangement satisfactory or attractive to you? It is the best I can do at the moment, and may give you additional insight. I would hope you could cut it thru the piece from the "ends" so as to expose a large area.

If you take or have any pictures of these cut sections or of the little piece I would appreciate any prints available.

Yours sincerely,