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Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thank you indeed for the enlargement of the etched section of Tishomingo, showing, I presume, the area where you suspect the troilite nodule is about to break thru. I have not yet had a chance to compare them, but I take it this is a larger view of the same area shown on one of the small prints you sent me some time back.

You will perhaps feel a little better in knowing that I now have the two larger Tishomingo specimens in my possession here at Ft. Worth, tho I do not yet have full title. Actually, what I did was to pay off the man on whose land they were allegedly found; his rights had been cluttered up by the fact that he really only rented that particular section and by the further fact that he had openly said he would give one or both to the boy who found them. While the boy and his father felt he had no claim, I knew he was in a position to block me if not blackmail me by reporting to the true owners, so a little block money changed hands and he is happy and out of the picture. It is probably as well because he is failing in health and I'd rather deal with him than with his heirs.

Then the boy was willing for me to have them here somewhat tentatively and I have paid him a deposit on them, but there is nothing final about this part of the deal. I hope to exhibit them here but I could not send one for cutting. In the fall I'll see if I can come closer to a final deal.

What are your plans with regard to the piece of his which you have and which you cut? I am not at this time worried about my little piece you have on loan.

Sincerely,