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Dear Escar:

In reply to your letter of May 14th I have again searched the collection and also had our girl search the records and I am unable to turn up any trace of the missing specimen.

We have a small piece on display which the catalog lists as weighing 298.8 grams. That calculates to be about 10.5 oz so, this is not the piece you are looking for.

We did loan a sample to Goddard for a nondestructive test and the records show that sample was returned. Think Goldstein was the one who had the piece. But the records we have for the loans and returns does not list the weight of the specimen

I know that I never let anybody look at that iron without telling him it was available for inspection but under no conditions could anything be removed from it.

Yesterday I researched my office, thinking that it may be in here but no trace of the Tishomingo was found.

Going to Alaska on June 3rd and will be gone for about 5 weeks. It would have been fun to go to Germany this year but I have seen so much of Germany and so little of Alaska that we made up our minds to go north. Expect to get back in the office about the middle of July.

In one way I am like the Okla lad, I also want to know where that 5½ pound sample is.

Kindest regards,

Cordially yours

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Curator Emeritus