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Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Ed:

When I wrote you Feb. 24 about the Tishomingo pieces I was in error about the  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pound piece because I find in my files that you returned this, I signed a receipt, and I took it back to the finder. I apologize.

But there was a small piece of 2 pounds 6 oz. which I had cut in two, and I do know you have about half of this there which you etched and put on display. Do you have the other half of this?

What puzzles me is the finder's parents were here last week on a visit and while at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, where we have the two big pieces on display, the father, Jack Orr, asked if they could have a small piece back for a loan this summer. It seems there is going to be some kind of a special display at the courthouse in Tishomingo and they want it for just a day or so, but I hardly know what he was referring to unless he meant the etched piece you have. It could be he doesn't recall that the boy has the  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pound piece. I have written the boy, Glen Orr, to get the facts from that end of the line and would like to hear from you.

I know you don't like to give up the etched piece, and if that's all you have I'll let that subject rest just now, but please do let me hear from you as to just what you have.

I hope your health is good, and that Mrs. Henderson is keeping up with you. Are you going to the meeting in Tubingen? I would like to but my wife is not enthusiastic about it.

Sincerely,

*Orin Morning*