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Dear Ed:

The two boxes containing the two halves of the 5½ lb. piece of Tishomingo, Okla., arrived in fine condition yesterday.

Altho you will presumably be long gone on your trip to Alaska by the time this letter arrives, I want to thank you for your work in locating these and sending them on.

They look like they were etched exceedingly lightly. I agree with you it is a shame for even one of them to be held by the finder, but then he feels differently. I'll box it up nicely and try to put a protective cover over the box before taking it to him so that if he displays in their show this summer it will not be handled mercilessly.

This meteorite business is getting tougher all the time! I have four specimens on the string that the finders won't part with! One of them I had for 20 years but the man would never sell and recently he insisted on getting it back.

You know, I would have guessed that this piece would be identical on its interior structure with the little piece you first worked on, for the reason that these two pieces obviously fitted together before they were cut. I so mentioned in my original article on the subject. As also then stated, there was more doubt about just how they fit into the bigger pieces but I feel sure it's all part of the same meteorite--which of course could vary from area to area on the inside, but I don't think it does.

Sincerely,