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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig  
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Dear Oscar:

Thanks for your letter of December 28 and I am glad you got your money's worth out of the European travel. Everyone with whom I have talked to tells me that the meeting was unusually good.

We decided it would be more fun to go to Alaska than Europe last year. Besides, Rebecca said she had heard enough meteorite talk for a while. So we, as you know, went north and enjoyed the time.

The sample Mr. Harper sent you from Presido is an artificial product. Since the sample I examined was a black powder, I found it magnetic, easily soluble in HCL and gave off an odor of some hydrocarbon. Since a gas is commonly given off when artificial iron is dissolved in hydorchloric acid. Because of that odor I was sure enough that it was a man-made product though no tests were made for nickel.

The ektachrom transparencences showed no features of a meteorite. I do not know what this stuff is but it looks like a place where some molten metal escaped and solidified quickly in the air. I am returning the picture with this letter.

Oscar, just in case you have forgotten, we still would like to cut the big Tishominge to see what its structure is like. How about that? Also, you could get a good tax deduction for a piece of that meteorite.

Best wishes and I hope business is expanding and the take home part is satisfactory. Hope to see you some day.

Cordially yours,

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Curator Emeritus  
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