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Dear Ed:

Thank you for fooling with the dope I sent you regarding the specimen from Mr. Harper of Presidio. I told him immediately and again later that I felt it was artificial but he'll be better pleased to get your confirmatory pronouncement.

Why do you want to see the interior structure of the big Tishomingo, aside from mere curiosity? You have cut two pieces and the chances are great that you will only find more of same. Besides, once you get it up there, I know very well there would be overtures to retain or exchange half of it.

Is Buchheit still at Batelle? I might want to write him. You know, after all the goings-on, investigations and writings, neither you nor he ever put down in a few well chosen words what the Tishomingo is compositionally. I have concluded in my own mind it is one big hunk of plessite.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. I have a problem with a big stone I got from Dimmitt, about 64 pounds. I stored it outdoors but in a well sealed box, and over the years it has started splitting badly along the veins. It now gapes 1/8" to 1/2 inch in spots. I want to try to pour something in the cracks to seal it and will appreciate your best suggestion. Elmer's glue or some epoxy?