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Dear Lincoln:

I have been so out of touch with you for years that I do not know how active you still are in collecting meteorites.

If your activities still range far and wide in this respect, then I want to ask you to "lay off" a find I am working on in southeastern Oklahoma which may come to your ears, if it has not already.

I think I was the first one in there and I am actively negotiating with the owners but they show the usual reluctance, not on the matter of price but on the issue of selling at all. I would be greatly helped if competition did not muddy up the waters, and will appreciate your co-operation in this respect.

There are two irons of about 360 pounds and 214 pounds, reportedly (I have not actually weighed them but have seen both several times). Two more pieces of 6 pounds and 2 obs. 6 oz. have also been found. All were in the same hole and were presumably one meteorite at impact or until very shortly shortly before. It is not too easy to fit them all together with assurance, tho the two smaller ones match neatly and there are several ways they could fit into the larger ones. Matching the two larger together is a bit tougher, but there is a thin edge on each by a shallow area that was apparently a hinge along which the object broke or rusted.

The figures are very fine lines with some peculiarities and spots in the smallest piece, which has been cut, but of course there is no telling whether this is at all representative of what will show up on the larger pieces eventually.

Sincerely,