



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO | ALBUQUERQUE

INSTITUTE OF METEORITICS

April 27, 1965

Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
Monnig Dry Goods Company
P. O. Box 2200
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Dear Oscar:

When I came back to the campus today for a conference with Drs. Chapman and Centolanzi, of Moffett Field, California, I found your letter of March 30. Perhaps an answer to the inquiry implicit in the first two paragraphs of your letter has already been given you by Dr. Kurt Fredericksson, who was briefed on our activities when he came by to see the Institute's Meteorite Collection last month. I gained the impression that he planned to see you again on his way East.

In case you are puzzled by the news blackout regarding the Institute's activities, just remember how hard it was for us to keep old H.H. (Harvey Hustlemoney) "out of our hair" before he became a millionaire!

As to the Oklahoma irons on which you are working, I'll be glad to cooperate if you will repose the same confidence in me that you accord N. when making a similar request for cooperation from him. If you will tell me the names of the people I'm to refrain from negotiating with, I'll honor your request. If you can't trust me with the identity of the people I'm to avoid dickering with, then I'm sure you would have no confidence in my promise to "lay off" of everybody in a state from which we've received most valuable leads ever since our record-breaking and widely publicized Lake Murray recovery near Ardmore. (Of course, I have no intention of giving such a blanket promise to you or anyone else!)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lincoln LaPaz".

Lincoln LaPaz, Director
Institute of Meteoritics

LL:jl