

1966, April 5.

Dr. E. P. Henderson,
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Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thanks for your March 8th letter with the two prints of the 5½ pound Tishomingo, Oklahoma, iron. The dear little thing was at that time resting in my loving hands, but was promptly transferred to the store vault for safety. Then on March 26th I took it back to the finder, as we had promised.

The situation on acquisition is not any better, and indeed if anything is worse. I interviewed all parties concerned, hinted at some pretty liberal figures, but never got down to any offer because the landowner just flat insists he doesn't want them to leave there right now. The boy who found them, and his father, are on my side, and are perfectly willing to let me at least borrow them for display here, but they do not really control them.

I think the matter should rest for a bit. I want to say that a son-in-law of the landowner who is due to visit this summer seems to be an engineer from Washington, and it is quite possible he will want to bring you into the picture when he visits. I ask you not to compete--remember what happened at Harleton when everybody rushed in.

I had Roy Clarke send me back my Kodachromes, which seemed to be totally unconvincing to you, to my great surprise. I have had prints made and enclose two for your permanent files. Surely you would/bought these in the field without even stopping to think!

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Sincerely,