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American Meteorite Laboratory,
P. O. Box 2098,
Denver 1, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Hass:

I am working vigorously on a recent find of a big iron in southeastern Oklahoma. Apparently all once part of a single piece, it had broken or rusted into two parts when excavated, one said to weigh 360 pounds and the other 214 (weights generally shrink later, you know!).

At my urging father digging was done in the hole and a couple of smaller pieces found, about 6 pounds and one of about 2 lbs. 6 ounces.

I secured this last piece for cutting and etching to determine the type of meteorite, and have just mailed it to you by insured parcel post. My deal with the finder is that it is to be cut into two approximately equal halves, and I have indicated on the specimen with a piece of plastic tape about where I think it should be cut, but you may vary this somewhat if in your judgment that is desirable.

Will you then please polish and etch both the cut faces, apply a protective layer and return to me at the above residence address by insured parcel post?

Have you ever, in a case like this, tried to save the cuttings for a possible rough analysis of the nickel percentage or for other purposes? If this is feasible, I will trouble you to do so, but if it isn't practical, just forget it.

Sincerely,