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SUBJECT:

Dear Mr. Monnig,

DATE:

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**MESSAGE**

Thanks for remittance. During the last hectic days thru Fiesta I have done nothing on the Over stuff and so have nothing to report on it. I write because a fellow traded me a piece of a meteorite today; it weighs a little over 2 lbs. This trader claims that it came from San Luis Potosi, Mexico----that it was cut off with a torch from a huge mass weighing a ton--that this is on a private rancho. It was his opinion that the Mex Govt. does not let such items leave the country; I imagine that it is too big for you anyway. However you might know of some museum that would be interested in checking further. In past I have gotten meteorites more cheaply but he wanted a machine and I had to allow 25.00 on it. He had crudely polished one end and it does show the typical Wied----- lines. Any comments--??

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*W. Wright***REPLY**

The meteorite catalogs show a San Luis Potosi iron more generally known as Charcas and known since 1804 said to have originally been over 780 kg in a churchyard at Charcas where it had been brought from 12 leagues distance; it was taken to Paris in 1866 and is a medium octahedrite. Another iron, also a medium octahedrite, sometimes called San Luis Potosi but better known as Descubridora, was found between 1780 and 1783, said to weigh 576 kg. and is mainly still in Mexico City. In 1855 another mass of 41½ kg. was found near Catorce and this is mainly in Vienna; the two are very similar and are perhaps related to Charcas. The piece now reported to you could be another one of this nest, and I have some correspondence here from a friend of mind who was recently down in that region that I want to look up; I think he mentioned something from San Luis Potosi. I would be willing to pay you \$25.00 for the piece you got.

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