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Dr. E. H. Henderson,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I acquired from a collector a piece of iron meteorite he had taken in a trade from a man who claimed that it came from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and had been cut off with a torch from a huge mass weighing a ton. The main mass was said to be on a private ranch.

This piece has been very crudely polished and etched a bit on one tip and shows to be a medium octahedrite. A torch has been applied to at least parts of one surface as the cooled drippings can be seen, but I am not sure it was actually cut off something else. It may have been a piece of this size that was a small individual, and some one may have just done some torch work on one face. It weighs 2 lbs. 3 oz. The rest of the exterior is a typical old rusty crust. I think there is a possibility it is an old Toluca (Xiquipilco).

On the other hand, the catalogs indicate several San Luis Potosi irons of some size in the past, and this report might refer to another one of this nest. If I thought there was any way for me to get it out of there, I'd try, but knowing the edict of the Mexican government against such exportations I hesitate to make even an effort. I am trying to follow up and get more information.

Yours sincerely,