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Mrs. Don Chester,
Route 2,
Comanche, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Chester:

I am chagrined that you do not have your rock back but I have nearly exhausted all efforts to relocate it and just can't trace it. I have talked to the Mr. Johnny Casstevens here who I thought might have been the man who took it for cutting, but he does not have it and does not recall the matter at all, so ~~that~~ I seem to be mistaken in that respect.

Then I talked with Mr. C. E. Rigney who used to conduct the lapidary classes at the Fort Worth Children's Museum, as I thought perhaps he was the ~~one~~ who was to do the cutting, but here again I must be wrong because he does not recall the matter. I made a search thru the storerooms at the Museum and asked the curator if she knew of any such rock there but it has not turned up.

Finally I did devote about 5 minutes of a talk before the Ft. Worth Mineral Club to telling them openly of my predicament and explaining that I was quite anxious to return this specimen to you. I thought surely some one of this group would know of the rock and give me a lead, but again no results were forthcoming.

I will try ~~some~~ more, but you can see the matter looks rather hopeless. I certainly do not have the rock and I surely would not withhold it from you if I did. You know that I bargained fairly and liberally for the ~~specimen~~ I did buy, and if this had been one I would have openly said so and tried to agree on a price. It was a piece of iron oxide or hematite and not of any basic intrinsic value, as any mineral dealer or rock hound will tell you.

Much as I regret the matter, I cannot feel there is any monetary reimbursement involved. I will write you further when I check all possibilities again.

Sincerely,