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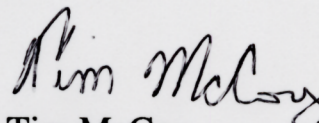
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Dear Dr. MacPherson,

I am writing to request a two-month loan of covered thin sections of Bluff (4 sections, USNM 135), Cedar (8 sections, USNM 240) and Travis County (3 sections, USNM 145). These sections were recently discovered by Linda Schramm and are undoubtedly the sections used by Merrill in his original description of these meteorites. The main purpose of this loan is to allow comparison of these sections to previously-studied sections of the same meteorites. As you know, it now appears that multiple falls are sampled by Bluff and Travis Co. and we would like to be certain that the sections originally examined by Merrill are consistent with our expectations. Thank you once again for all of your help.

Sincerely,


Tim McCoy