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Dear Ms. Nunez,

I apologize for writing again so quickly after the first letter, but I have discovered some information which may be of great help to you. I had mentioned some confusion over the labelling of the Bluff and Cedar stones for which I requested samples. I have a copy of the Field Museum of Natural History catalog of meteorites by O.C. Farrington (1916). By comparing this catalog with later publications, I have been able to sort out which of the samples labelled "Bluff" are in fact Bluff and which one is Cedar. Sample No. 1461 (an 8,619 gram nearly complete stone) labelled Bluff is really Cedar. It is pictured in Plate LXIV of Farrington (1916), should you have access to this publication. In contrast, the samples numbered 173, 174, 1459 and 1460 appear to be samples of Bluff. I believe your museum uses the sample numbers in the labelling of thin sections, so these might help you identify the sources of specific thin sections in your collection. Again, I appreciate any help you can be. I understand that you are between curators, but there appears to be no other source for samples of these meteorites, as many other collections also have labelling errors.

Sincerely,

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