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Mr. Oscar E.Monnig Hotel New Yorker, New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Monnig:

Enclosed you will find a picture of your specimen of the Harriman meteorite which I think shows the surface features very well. This was weighed this morning and found to weigh  $65\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.

The cutting has started and the first slice should be off towards the end of this week. The specimen is being cut so that the slices will come off almost parallel to the base of the sample as it is pictured. Our first cut in is far enough to give us a complete cross section.

Now that you are in the East why dont you arrange to stop off and see us on your way home. If you are traveling by train the B & O will bring you this way without additional cost. If traveling by air it might be possible. Anyway I would like to see you as its been a long time since we have had a visit.

Hope that everything is going nicely for you and that you enjoy your visit in New York. With best wishes I remain

Cordially yours

Ed.

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