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Mr. Roy Clark,  
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Dear Roy:

Time is passing rapidly. I feel we should straighten out the matter of the Harriman, Tenn., iron I once sent up there for cutting.

My recollection is that you returned the main mass but still have a number of slices on hand.

You once labored over the file in an effort to determine what had been agreed on about these slices.

It is my thought that they are all my property and should be returned to me, except that you were to keep one slice or an end piece in exchange for the work Ed Henderson had done.

Talk to him, look over your note on the file concerning this, and send me back what you think is right, so that we can get the matter settled. I am not blaming any of your staff; I am the one who has let it drag.

I am 76 and still working in our store, but I know I cannot last forever or take the meteorites with me! I am trying to assemble everything and am donating them to a local institution where I hope to work up a good display and at least enjoy seeing them and telling people about them while I am still active.

Give my greetings to those of your group who know me. I don't make trips to New York anymore and hence don't get by there. I'm sorry, because it was always enjoyable.

Sincerely,