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Dear Dr. Moore:

I mentioned the Haskell, Texas, stony meteorite to you while we were in Odessa, and feel I should explain my request for a possible sample of it.

To begin with, be assured I do not feel you are under any obligation to thus accomodate me, and if you decide you cannot or should not, it would not interfere in any way with our pleasant relations. Also, if the stone has not been cut and there are not any pieces available, I would not want to ask that any such step be taken, but would merely say that if it ever is cut or pieces become available, I would like to have one.

What happened is that Nininger wrote me as shown by the enclosed copy. You will see he actually offered me half the meteorite but being a liberal soul I wrote him I would handle the matter at no charge or obligation to him. Within a month two of us went out to Haskell and spent a week-end getting the story, cnavassing the neighborhood and buying the stone. After that and after I informed Nininger of all the facts, he wrote and promised me a specimen of it for our collection when he finally got around to cutting it. He ultimately paid me back for what I had given for the stone but I charged him no expenses and told him I would leave it to him as to what he might to give me. I'm sure he just forgot about it; that was in 1950.

So if you feel I have an equitable claim to some small portion of this for our work in identifying and obtaining it, I would appreciate it as a memento of the find. I doubt if it is of any special significance since I know it was a pretty ordinary chondrite.

Sincerely,