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Dr. Abner V. McCall,
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Dear Sir:

I will introduce myself by explaining that the letterhead shows my avocation. In business I am connected with Monnig Dry Goods Company.

Over a year ago Prof. Richmond Bronaugh of the Baylor Geology Department identified a stony meteorite which had been in the possession of ^{the} late Dr. J. E. Hawkins who taught in some of your German classes until his retirement about 1964.

We would like to establish something about the history of this meteorite, but Dr. Hawkins left no notes or other information telling where, when or how he obtained it. He was a very active field worker in amateur archaeology but mostly worked alone, it seems.

We have checked with all members of his family and a number of friends, but to no avail. It occurred to me that you surely knew him as a member of the faculty. I have only one question: did he ever tell you anything about this stone?

It is currently on display in the Strecker Museum, and weighs about 11 3/4 pounds.

Sincerely,

Oscar E. Monnig

Dear Mr. Monnig:
I knew Dr. J. E. Hawkins well from 1933 to his death but know nothing about the meteorite.

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At one time during the 1950s I often hunted Indian arrow points and other Indian artifacts with my son and exchanged information about good hunting grounds on several occasions with Dr Hawkins. He told me of several good sites in McLean County, primarily along the Brazos in the vicinity of Waco. I would presume he found the meteorite in this area on one of his hunts.

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