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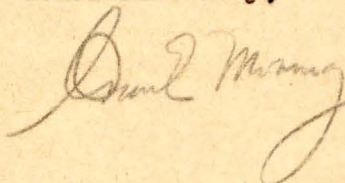
Dear Sir:

I thank you for answering me and you may certainly keep the slide of the meteorite found or possessed by Dr. Hawkins.

There were hints from a couple of other sources of the general character you spoke of, and I am sure you are right about Hawkins' general attitude. As a result I have run into a perfect deadend in my quest for information as to where or how this stone was found.

The small objects you mention having found in or near camp sites were perhaps hematite nodules, which are often more or less rounded. These are common all over the limestone regions of Texas and have weathered out of the limestone. They are Nature's counterfeit meteorites, one might say.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Manning".