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Dear Sir:

I have trying to help Dr. Bronaugh of the Geology Department at Baylor determine something about the history of a stony meteorite identified by him, in the possessions of the late Dr. J. E. Hawkins, a former German professor there.

It appears that Hawkins was quite an avid field man on searching for INdian artifacts, and I presume something of an archeologist. However, none of his family or friends seem to know anything about when, where or how he obtained this meteorite.

I enclose a picture of it, which you may keep or return as you choose.

Hawkins frequently visited a brother-in-law at Turkey, REGinald A Smith. The best evidence so far hints that he got it in that region before 1950. It does not look like a stone that has been on earth too very long; i.e.; it shows little weathering and is relatively fresh.

It has been suggested to me, however, that he perhaps found it in Central Texas or that one of this many students might have given it to him.

If you can shed any olight on this question I would be grateful. Your name has been suggested to me by a couple of people.

By the way, keep meteorites in mind in your archeological work. I never heard of any being found in INdian ruins in Texas, but some were discovered years ago in Ohio mounds. One large iron was wrapped and buried in Mexico, the Casas Grandes, and found in a tomb. A small one was carefully wrapped and preserved in a cache in Winona, Ariz.

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Sincerely