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Dear Prof. Bronaugh:

After some difficulty I located Mr. Bill Bain at Houston, the pilot Mrs. Hawkins refereed us to, and have written him.

R. A. Smith was in business at Turkey 1945-1951 and thinks he know of the meteorite at that time, which puts a limit on the finding of it as it seems to have been known for over 21 years.

Smith further suggests contacting a Dr. Curtis Tunnell whose boyhood home was near Turkey; he is said to be quite familiar with findings in that area. Smith said he was an archeologist and he thought he was in Houston, but I can't find him therethru long distance-- there is no phone listed for Curtis Tunnell. Can you help me out here? Maybe you have a list of archeologists.

I suppose we may tentatively dub this the Turkey, Texas, meteorite. Smith doesn't seem to think it was found near Quitaque, which some one once mentioned.

A little article I put in the Waco paper brought responses from 11 witnesses of the Sept. 19th meteor and last Sunday I made a trip and interviewed 6 of them. It seems fairly certain that the path was from (over) a point somewhat south and east of Corsicana to very near Bluffdale, and I have asked three small town papers in that region for publicity in an effort to sharpen the end point.

I'll be out of town, probably, Oct. 18-30, and will check with you when I return.