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Dear Sir:

I have your name and address from Mr. R. A. Smith of Canyon, Texas, to whom I had written. I had asked him if he knew where Mr. J. E. Hawkins obtained a stony meteorite of some 10 pounds which his widow now has. It is a grayish-brown stone about 8 inches by 4 by 4.

Mrs. Hawkins and her children do not recall where or how he got it, but there is some idea that it came from near Quitaque. I understand Mr. Hawkins was once in business in a drug store at Turkey.

I will appreciate it if you will tell me anything you know about this object, as we wish to establish its "pedigree" for scientific purposes, just as a matter of history.

Am I correct that Mr. Hawkins once lived at Turkey, and if so, in what years? You can just put your answers on this letter and return it if you wish.

Thank you greatly.

Oscar Monnig

Dear Sir;

I am sorry that I am unable to help you regarding the original location of this rock. I vaguely recall his mentioning this rock several years ago when he was visiting in Belen, but can't remember where it came from.

Dr. Hawkins never lived in Turkey however Mr. Smith did prior to the time he moved to Canyon.

Ray Sanderson

*write card
10/9/72
asking what year*