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Mr. Tom Salem,
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Turkey, Texas 79261

Dear Mr. Salem:

Mr. Bidwell tells me you have been trying to get information for me in accordance with my inquiry of Sep. 22 about a stony meteorite.

I should apologize to you for giving you some erroneous information to start with.

I find that the man who was formerly in the drug store business at Turkey was Reginald A. Smith. He now lives at Canyon, Texas, and I have heard from him. His sister married J. E. (Elmer) Hawkins, who actually was a German teacher at Baylor University.

It seems that Hawkins loved to go around the country hunting Indian artifacts, and he sometimes came to Turkey and Smith would go with him on such field trips.

Hawkins apparently loved such trips and went with various people, including a nephew, Dr. T. D. McMinn of St. Louis and a man who is now a pilot, Bill Bain. It seems he roamed over much of West Texas and even parts of New Mexico, so it is going to be almost impossible to learn where he got this particular rock.

Don't bother about it any further, but I do thank you for your interest, and wanted to set the facts straight!