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Dr. R. L. Bronaugh,
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Dear Dr. Bronaugh:

Did I understand correctly that Mr. J. E. Hawkins used to be in business in Turkey? I think I must be confused as you said he was a German professor. No need to answer me, as I'll check with you on this point when I'm next there.

At any rate, I'm not unearthing anything about the Hawkins meteorite up to now. Two merchants at Turkey and one at Quitaque with whom we've done business for many years could shed no light on it.

The Mr. R. A. Smith to whom they referred me said "I did know about the meteorite but I did not know where he found it." I'm going to try to squeeze more information out of him and in the meantime I've written two other relatives to whom he referred me, a sister and a nephew.

If you will give me a blessing I shall ask Mrs. Hawkins to let me bring the meteorite up here for a short loan just to show it to my friends who have helped in meteorite work, to ascertain the exact weight, and perhaps to take more photo's, with no reflection on yours! I would not work on the meteorite in any way. I don't feel she would object and you can tell her I am most reliable, I hope!

I find I have an old complete file on the Mart meteorite and I'll bring it with me next trip; Dr. Brown might be interested, and maybe I can help him unravel a little more of the mystery about his specimens.

Paul Monig