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Mr. Reginald A. Smith,  
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Dear Sir:

My business connection is shown by this letterhead, but I am writing you on an entirely non-business matter.

My hobby is astronomy and I have specialized in the study of meteorites. (See circular enclosed.) Thru the kindness of a geology professor at Baylor University at Waco I was shown last week a stony meteorite which Mrs. J. E. Hawkins there now has.

I am very anxious to establish the history of this, by learning where and when it was found, and Mrs. Hawkins does not know. I understood you married the late Mr. Hawkins' sister and knew him and his activities well.

The stone is a grayish brown rock weighing perhaps some 10 or 12 pounds, somewhat heavy for its size. It is about 8 inches long overall and perhaps 4 or 5 inches high and thick. It has few flat faces but many are marked with pits, the so-called "thumb marks" that the air hollows out sometimes on a falling stone.

Do you recall seeing this and have any ideas of where and how Mr. Hawkins got it? I would appreciate any information.

If you do not know, could you refer me to any one else who might have gone "rock hunting" with him or who might know something about this object?

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

*Oscar E. Monnig*  
*over*

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Mr Monnig

Dear Sir;  
Glad to hear from you. I did know about the meteorite but I did not know where he found it. I have listed the names and address of some who may know. Feel free to write them or you can stop at Keene and talk to Mrs McMinn who may know about it. Hope you find out.

Regards,

R A Smith.

*R A Smith*

*mailed 9/2/72*

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