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Dear Dr. Bronaugh:

I was delighted to see the nice stony meteorite Mrs. Hawkins has.

There is a delicate question of just what to do about ownership of this specimen. Ordinarily in my past career of meteorite work I have always tried to buy one when I encounter it. This settles the title and if it isn't done, some one in the family sometimes gets an idea he can sell it for more and approaches some museum or University and it slips thru your hands.

On the other hand, with the advent of the space age the full realization of what they have may cause them to decide they don't want to part with it at all. Sometimes somebody starts pecking at it to "see the inside".

I would not under any circumstances try to get this against your wishes or as opposed to Baylor University. But as Mrs. Hawkins does not seem to be particularly possessive about it and indeed hinted she was quite willing to let us take it, it may be well to at least get it put on exhibit at your institution soon. I have started some inquiries as to its history but this will take a few weeks.

I'll see you again before too long. Actually, I'll be down that way Tuesday trying to hire a ranch manager but doubt if I'll have time to come in to Waco from McGregor.

Sincerely,