

March 13, 1957

Mrs. Carl G. Hinrichs
3101 Hawthorne Boulevard
St. Louis 4, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Hinrichs:

Your specimen of the Kaufman, Texas meteorite, which was sent to us by Mr. Oscar E. Monnig, has been received. We are very pleased that you are offering us about half of this stone. After cutting the specimen we will polish the face on the half we return.

Normally this is a very simple job and would require less than half a day, but it may be three weeks before this can be done. The reason is our cutter, Mr. Holden, has been sick for sometime and during his illness we had hoped to make some repairs to the cutting laboratory. These repairs have not gone forward as fast as I had expected. Things have just changed, because Mr. Holden passed away, and we have a new man coming on March 25. Within a few days after that your specimen will be cut, polished and the specimen returned.

I appreciate your interest in providing the U. S. National Museum with a generous portion of this meteorite. The specimen will be recorded as a gift from you. I regret the delay but the events of the past year has made it difficult for me to complete a number of the things I had planned to do.

Sincerely yours,

EPH

E. P. Henderson
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