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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
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Dear Oscar:

In reply to your letter of May 2, it certainly would be a good idea to visit Washington and see what goes on. Why don't you folks do that?

Mrs. Hinrichs' specimen was returned. The sample left this office the same day that the letter, which you received a copy of, did. I assume she has the specimen in her possession. I have not heard from her but she possibly returned the copy of the shipping invoice and it was taken care of in the other office.

The McKinney stone is very similar to the Kaufman but there are some differences between the structures shown in our polished surfaces of the McKinney and those of the Kaufman. I would hate to say how important those differences are and very likely the routine chemical analyses of these stones would be similar.

The changes being made around here are so nearly done that one would surely say that within a few days we will be working in a new laboratory. However, there are always delays and for three days we have been expecting the floor people to come in and put down the new flooring. There have been so many apparently unrelated delays that have happened and slowed down this job that you would never believe the story had we made an accurate log of the events since the job was started.

I will be glad to make some trade with you so you can get a specimen of the Kaufman if you feel that it is different from McKinney. Since the Kaufman may or may not be a witnessed fall and the McKinney is a find and the Tadjera is a witnessed fall of June 1867 it is possible that we are dealing with the same material. More problems.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

Ed.

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