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Dr. E. P. Henderson,  
U. S. National Museum,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thanks for informing me about the new find from Kimble County, Texas. I am glad my friendliest competitor got hold of it!

The large Kimble County stone is presumably under the jurisdiction of the University of Texas Memorial Museum now, Dr. E.H. Sellards presumably being still in charge. (He is getting pretty old and has had reverses in health.) Besides the main mass they have a drawer full of chips and hunks from part that was broken off, if I recall correctly. They should therefore be easily able to furnish you with a piece containing some relatively fresh interior suitable for cutting for a thin section, or may even have thin sections available if you would care to use theirs. They kindly gave me about a 10 oz. sample that I could let you use if other approaches fail. We also later went to the site and got a shoe box full of crust scraps of no value to you petrologists who are baffled by anything oxidized.

There is a greenish tinge to the interior of this large stone on a broken surface that I think will enable you to tell at first glance whether the Jobes stone is related. I am going to stick my neck out and guess it is not. That Edwards Plateau county is rough and rocky, but the rocks are dominately whitish limestones and old brown meteorites stand out. There are a lot of old meteorites yet to be found there. Yes, if I could ultimately get a slice or small piece of the Jobes stone I would like to have it.

Now, there is a third stone from this same county--our Junction, Texas. The finder didn't know where he picked it up--couldn't remember. Mr. Corwin Butler and I found it in a rock collection in his front yard flower bed while we were looking to see what he had. Would you care to cut this and get a thin section, thus classifying all three stones at the same time? If so, I can send it to you. It looks very different from the big Kimble County but I never cut or ground on it. It is a fragment.