

AMERICAN METEORITE LABORATORY

DEVOTED TO EDUCATIONAL METEORITICS

P. O. BOX 2098 ♦ DENVER I, COLORADO

GLENN I HUSS, Director

H. H. NININGER, Consultant

June 25, 1965

Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
29 Chelsea Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76115

Dear Mr. Monnig:

The cutting and polishing of the La Villa specimen has been completed and your end section has been placed in the mail today. Yesterday the main mass was shipped to Mr. Engle via Railway Express and the two exchange slices were sent via parcel post. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Engle notifying him of the shipment. I didn't know what value Mr. Engle might place on the meteorite so I declared a value high enough (\$2500) that it should be adequately covered for shipment. With someone else's meteorite, I wouldn't want to be caught short in case of loss.

After cutting and polishing, the main mass of the La Villa meteorite weighed 36.5 lb. Your end piece weighs 1257.5 grams. The slice which I am retaining is 6 mm thick and weighs 518.5 grams.

Your end piece is about 400 grams heavier than anticipated by reason of my having allowed too much protection against what looked like a weathered area. I hope that this will not cause Mr. Engle to think you were trying to take advantage, as the fault was mine.

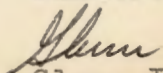
Enclosed is an invoice covering the cutting and isopropyl alcohol.

Haven't seen the little iron of which you mentioned wanting a section etched, so if it has been sent some time back a tracer would be in order.

Yes, it was I who got the two old stones from near Childress. Both had been known for some years--although not as meteorites--and one had to be pried from the concrete around the top of a cistern. I have been dickering with a farmer near Hamilton for another very old stone, but he wants to sell only half of it for more than the whole thing is worth.

Hope you were able to get the matter of the big Oklahoma iron settled to your satisfaction.

Sincerely,


Glenn I Huss