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Dear Paul:

The La Villa stone got to Denver in good condition, and I would still be willing to pay for packing and express charges. I have been conferring with Huss and we have decided to cut the flattest face, which will then stand exposed at an angle of about 27° to the vertical when the stone rests on a natural somewhat travertine covered base (you could set it on a mirror when exhibiting it to show this material, water deposited on the stone while it lay in the ground).

The outside piece I propose to cut off and keep may be a little thick (say 1.5 cm.) because this side has a slight concavity that must be allowed for, but I doubt if it will weigh over a pound, or two, my present guess being $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

Huss would like to have a slice, too, and offers in trade a slice of a similar Texas meteorite. Please advise if you would care to entertain this offer; it would simply give you a slice of another stone found many miles away and yet looking pretty similar on a cut surface, showing students that the chondrites are mainly one fairly similar class. He has tentatively offered slices from Brownfield or Seminole, and if we made a trade I would undertake to get something reasonably similar in type and weight, which is customary.

I have a nice well-pitted old stony meteorite located but the finder let his son have it and the boy won't part with it! It was picked up in Central Texas many years ago but is now in West Texas. Such is the life of a meteorite hunter!

Sincerely,