

1965, May 12.

Mr. Glenn I. Huss,  
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Dear Glenn:

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of Apr. 26 about the La Villa stone. We had our annual stockholders' and directors' meeting of the Monnig Dry Goods Company at about that time, with family folks from out of town visiting and an audit report to have ready, so times were a bit hectic with me!

I have checked my photo's of the La Villa stone and the side you have suggested for detaching a slice sounds all right to me. You are more expert than I at the question of thickness of the cut, but offhand I would say that I would say that something about a centimeter in thickness would be desirable. Because of the 0.8 cm. depression you mention, you might have to go to 1.5 cm. or thereabouts to be safe from breakage in this area.

I will leave this largely to your judgment, my main desires being simply to get a piece that will not be unduly fragile when handled; at the same time, I do not to appear hoggish to my friend Mr. Engle who is letting me have this section.

I have never been much on trading because one party is almost always a bit dissatisfied. The slices you offer seem smaller than a slice from La Villa would be. I should think on a similar stone basis they should be also similar in weight. I have decided to write Paul Engle and ask him if he would be willing to let you take off two slices and maybe do some trading with the second, interior slice. If you want to wait till you hear from me again I will not mind the delay. What would you guess the slice we are contemplating at first will weigh?

I ran across your tracks at Childress, Texas, recently-- at least a man from Denver was reported to have got some old stony meteorites, and I assume it was Glenn Huss!

Sincerely,