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AIRMAIL

FEB -7 1969

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

Dear Mr. Monnig:

Under separate cover you will be sent a 625 gram specimen of the Loreto, Baja California meteorite in exchange for the 475 gram specimen of the Boaz, Alabama, meteorite. We are also accessioning the 410 gram slice of Boaz that is in poor condition as a gift from you. I believe that this is in agreement with our recent exchange of letters.

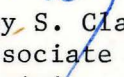
The slice of Loreto that is coming your way has been lightly etched. The structure in the metal would undoubtedly be more pronounced if deeper etching were used. However, the sulfide inclusions are very attractive at present, and they might well turn black with further etching. In other words, this is a start and you may complete the job to your taste.

Mr. Monnig, I doubt that I can do much about moving the Division of Meteorites to Texas, no matter how desirable that move might be. However, I would be delighted to participate in moving the Monnig meteorite collection to Washington. This is a problem area that you should give serious consideration. All of us here would be glad to help in any way we can. We would appreciate an opportunity to present our case and to furnish you with any information that you might want. The initiative will be yours, but I want you to know that we are deeply interested.

When you receive the slice of Loreto, please sign, date and return the white copy of the enclosed shipping invoice for our records.

Thanks again for your cooperation with Boaz.

Sincerely yours,

  
Roy S. Clarke, Jr.  
Associate Curator  
Division of Meteorites

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INITIATING OFFICE  
INVOICE No. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE January 31, 1969

TO:

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

LOAN PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_

INITIATED BY Roy S. Clarke, Jr.

UNIT Division of Meteorites

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

THIS MATERIAL IS SENT AS:

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Polished and etched meteorite slice

Loreto, Baja California USNM 1507, 625 grams

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*Oscar E. Monnig*  
(NAME)

Jul 10 1969  
(DATE)

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