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Dear Mr. Clarke:

I don't know if you need the magic number above that was on your good letter of November 25th regarding the Boaz, Alabama, meteorite business.

The Loreta, Baja California, slice you plan to have processed and sent will most certainly be quite satisfactory for the final completion and closing of this matter. I do thank you and Dr. Henderson and the Institution.

I have only two regrets about the whole transaction. I am sorry I let it be delayed so long, because now I fear the man who originally found it for me and did a lot of work getting it and trying to trace its history, is dead. I would have liked to let him see a piece of the final etched Boaz.

Secondly, I am sorry I wasn't more aggressive years ago. I should have made some trips and done some detective work to determine really where this piece came from. If you read the old file you know there is some idea it came from Arkansas and that its real terrestrial origin is about as clouded as the celestial! I blame myself for all this, as I constantly try to do too much and just half way finish.

I may be in New York the week of January 13. Whether I can come to Washington is dubious, tho I appreciate your gracious invitation. You know there is an inauguration about that time! I still say the whole Meteorite Division ought to be moved to Texas; then I might give you my whole collection!

Sincerely,

