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AIRMAIL

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

Dear Mr. Monnig:

I have selected a 686 gram slice of the Loreto, Baja, California meteorite as a possible exchange for the Boaz meteorite material we have from you. It has just been given to our technician for grinding, polishing and etching. The surface will require some grinding, so 50 to 75 grams will undoubtedly be lost in this process. If this seems to be satisfactory to you, I will complete the Boaz transaction as soon as this slice is finished.

The Cambridge meeting was a great success. However, it was much too short for visits with many of our friends. I feel like I really only saw you in passing. Please let us know if you are going to be in this area and could pay us a visit in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

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