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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
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Dear Oscar:

Certainly glad my letter reporting on the Moab sample reached you in time. Thus far I have not received the prints and the photographic shop tells me it will be several days because of other orders in there first.

Am changing the records and calling this iron Moab. If this came from 75 miles west of Moab and if that distance was measured as a bird flys this iron came from Emery County; however, if this is road milage the iron possibly came from Grand County. Have you worked out the coordinates on this iron, and I don't mean Leonards Coordinate numbers?

By the way, have you a catalog of your collection of meteorites? If you have, I certainly would like to get a copy or simply the names and weights of the various masses you have. By this time you certainly have gathered up many specimens and I know it represents a sizable investment.

The prices being paid for specimens these days is getting higher and higher. Everybody seems to want to get some specimens for study and some of these days a lot of the meteorites are going to be consumed.

Sorry to learn about your proposed move. I liked that house very much and think you folks were happy in it. What has happened to you happened to me several years ago, but we are still holding out! Where are you going so that the problem will not reoccur? Wish you would come to Washington and see what we have up here.

I have the Moab on a table in this room and will get it boxed and off to you, but to be safe I want to hold on until I see all the pictures.

Are you going to the Meteoritical Society Meetings this year? I have not made up my mind, but I fear I shall miss them.

With kindest regards I remain

Cordially yours,



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