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Mr. Ed Barry
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El Paso, Texas

Dear Ed:

Receipt is acknowledged and thank you for the 300# of mine run peacock obsidian.

Part of this lot will be used for some research I am doing for Idaho State University on obsidian from different parts of the world. I have obsidian from Iceland, New Zealand, New Caladonia, Greece, Africa, and many plarts of the Western United States. Obsidian is a mineral that can be dated by measuring the hydration layers and identified by using neutron activation analysis. The testing and analysis permits prehistorians to trace and ate the movement of early man.

From Mexico, I have samples of obsidian from Magdalena(between Tepic and Tequilia, Panchuca; and from North of Mexico City from Tebtehuacan and Puebla. But the peacock obsidian is unique and different from any of these samples.

For my research, I would appreciate very much any information you can give me on the general locale of this material. This request is not made to obtain the source for resale, for I neither have the time nor inclination for this, but for research purposes. Any information you can furnish on the general area will be kept confidential.

Thanking you in advance for any information you can give, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtree

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