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Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir

The name of the Indian town  
on the National Railway of Mexico of which  
you have a photo. is Ocoyoac.

I enclose an account of the  
Bristol Soap Stone quarries as published in  
the Herald in 1883 with a few errors corrected.

<sup>manuscript</sup> By freight I expect to ship you today the  
exhibits described in said account including  
the stationary corn mortar and the finished  
Anthrophyllite disk dug up by Mr Perry.

"Fed Hill" is a local contractor  
of "Federal Hill." The land is now owned  
by Mr. Joel T. Case. The process of the search  
was to hunt for talcose or soap stone like  
material on the pasture lot and dig out with  
a pick or pinch bar even such pieces we could  
find. Some of them showed only a very small  
surface before prying them out. I subsequently  
went there and paid special attention to other  
material in search of tools and found several  
very rough tools. I only saved one and that I  
put in the box shipped you today. The others  
I hid in the stone wall. I went over there

yesterday P.M. but could not find them. The ground was covered with wet leaves making it a bad time to search. I found nothing except a <sup>few</sup> fragments of pot forms. The place has been thoroughly culled for surface specimens but no digging to speak of and no plowing there for years. The Stationary corn mode was found at the summit of a high hill and could not have been in an ancient river bed.

Very truly yours  
James Shepard.