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Wood

October 3, 1963

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14-16 East Ninth Street  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Dear Doctor Gauchat:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter relative to proposed rules concerning the free use of petrified wood.

I have already received several other letters on this subject and have contacted the Department of the Interior for additional information on it. As soon as I receive a reply from them, I will be back in touch with you.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable A. S. (Mike) Monroney  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Monroney:

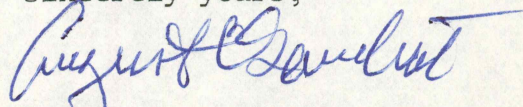
I would like to propose a more reasonable solution to the per day rule on the taking of petrified wood from public lands under the control of the Department of the Interior.

I am opposed to Item (2) of Section 259.67 - Rules for Collection of Specimens, and would like to substitute for it the following:

"The maximum quantity of petrified wood that any one person is allowed to remove without charge in any one day is 50 pounds in weight, or if a larger piece is found such as a section of a tree trunk, the individual may accumulate the per-diem allowance of 50 pounds per day for as many days as are necessary to remove the specimen intact, provided he or she shall remain in the general area for sufficient number of days to accumulate the weight allowance needed, not to exceed five days or 250 pounds for any single piece. In case a family or group are hunting together, they may be allowed to pool their collective daily weight limits in order to be able to remove pieces of tree trunk sections or limb sections whole, without wasteful breaking up of the silicified petrified wood sections as formed by natural processes. No more than five daily weight limits per person of 50 pounds each, nor any group over six adult persons over 21 years of age shall group themselves together for such pooling of weight limits."

I trust you will give consideration to the above proposed substitution of the Rules for Collecting of Specimens.

Sincerely yours,



August C. Gauchat, M. D.

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