



Smithsonian
National Museum of Natural History

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Mr. Alfredo J. Molina
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Dear Al:

One of the highlights of my tenure as Curator of the National Gem Collection was the opportunity last year to examine the historic 76.45 carat Archduke Joseph diamond. It is a spectacular diamond, and would be a major addition to the United States National Gem Collection at the Smithsonian Institution. As you know, we do not have funds to purchase gems, and our collection has grown into the finest of its kind in the world through gifts from individuals. If you know of anyone who might consider purchasing and donating the Archduke Joseph diamond, I will be pleased to talk with the person. Obviously, such an historic diamond would be extremely popular with our 5 million annual visitors and a wonderful gift to the nation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Post
Curator, National Gem and Mineral Collection