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Dear Mr. <Property Owner's Name>:

This may sound like a strange request, so let me introduce myself. My name is <Name> and I have lived in <Town> for <Years>. I am <Age> years old, married, with <Number> children.

Normally I would prefer to approach you in person. I feel that a letter beforehand, however, is a better emissary than just knocking on your door at an inconvenient time and invading your privacy.

I have been engaged in the hobby of metal detecting for <Number> years and find it a healthful, enjoyable pastime that allows me to meet many interesting people. The thrill of finding old coins, buttons, etc. is quite interesting to me.

Recently I researched information that your property and the area surrounding it goes back many years. I would like to obtain permission for me and a friend to metal detect your property.

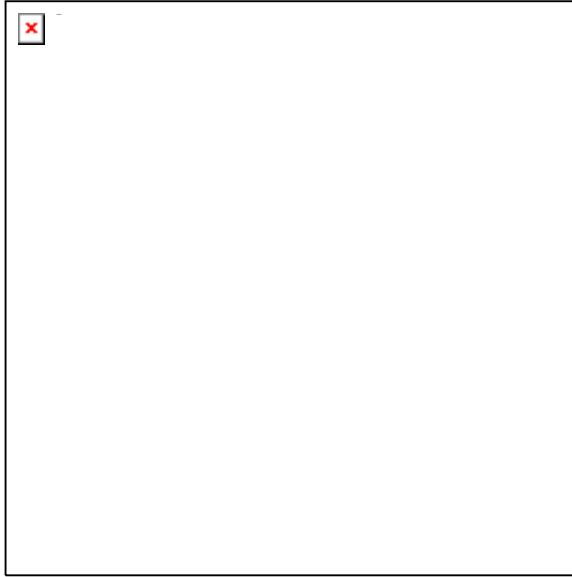
I want you to understand that I always respect the property that I search and try to leave it in the same condition that I found it. Normally the "targets" are no deeper than four or five inches and I retrieve them such that the ground appears not to be disturbed.

In addition, I would like to offer my services to you. Perhaps you or someone you know has lost a valuable ring, a cache, or a farm tool. I would be willing to assist just for the excitement of the search.

I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience and would be happy to meet with you, if further discussion is required.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
<Name>



<Telephone>