

1957, August 8

Dear Walter:

I got the Harvard Card today on Comet Mrkos 1957d and figure it is near  $9^h 30^m$  plus  $40^{\circ}$ , which might make it accessible in both morning and evening sky right now; I'll check it tonight and if necessary again in the morning. My Schmidt camera is unluckily so mounted that I have trees or the main observatory in the way in either position, so I probably can't photograph it. But a mag. 1 comet perhaps increasing ought to be worth working for even in moonlight and twilight.

Ultimately you may announce anything you want to about the Admire; I am not shy enough to be adverse to publicity. I used to attribute most of our doings to Texas Observers, because honestly there generally were one or more others assisting me in field trips, tips, etc., the ordinarily I had to be the moving spirit. But most of my old cronies have fallen away from me due to the changes of Time, and I have failed to replace them—it isn't easy.

I have been left behind by the electronics developments of astronomy, and understand most of them only somewhat vaguely and in theory, having had no actual contact with practicality in connection with devices such as you mention to record meteor radio bursts or solar flare activity.

While much of the acquisitive instinct which at one time was a major factor in meteorite hunting has died down in me, I still have enough of it left that I feel I would value and appreciate the little slice of St. Louis which you so kindly offer, and if you still feel "that away", send it along one of these days. I would suggest insured mail in such a case, because I would hate to see it get lost.

Should you display Admire at your school, I could lend you a few other things to go with it—say Canyon Diablo, Xiquipilco, Hølbrog, etc. Of course none of these come from Kansas, but they would serve to illustrate irons and stones and their difference from a pallasite. Ultimately I hope to get that Admire sliced by Henderson at U. S. National.

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