

1957, June 12.

Mr. Elmer R. Stinson,  
Route 1,  
Adaire, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Thru some friends at the University of Kansas, including Dr. O. C. Farquhar of the geology department there, I have learned you have an approximately 69 pound specimen of the Adaire meteorite for sale.

I would be interested in this and recently wrote Dr. Farquhar to see what you wanted for it, but I just heard from him and he is in Canada, so I am writing directly to you.

I would be willing to pay approximately \$2 a pound for it, or say \$140.00 even. If that appeals to you, I would like to make arrangements to have it delivered to Dr. W. S. Houston of the University of Kansas, whose home address is Route 3, Manhattan, Kansas.

I am going to be gone from town for about two weeks so I am sending a check to Dr. Houston and he will pay you for the meteorite should you choose to conclude this arrangement. I plan on leaving it on exhibit up there for the time being. I would rather see some plan worked out to deliver it to Dr. Houston rather than shipping it, because the transportation companies might crack or break it; however, if shipping is necessary, I would pay packing and transportation costs.

Sincerely yours,

cc Dr. W. S. Houston,  
Route 3,  
Manhattan, Kansas.

Walter: I was a little slow on the trigger on this because I feared the piece had already been sold by Ward's ad, and was also afraid it might be badly oxidized. Here's a check for \$140.00 payable to Stinson in case he accepts and hasn't already disposed of the item. I'm going to a friend of mine at Idaho Springs, just west of Denver, for a few days' stay, leaving Saturday. You could catch me there c/o D. C. Bubar, Idaho Springs, Colo., about June 19-22; I'm driving a little around Colorado.