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Anderson Butane and Propane Co.,
McKinney, Texas.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am the man who was there with Mr. Willie Chandler the afternoon of Nov. 18th (Saturday) when you so kindly received us as visitors.

I want to ask you a favor on a confidential basis. Will you please help me keep track of the meteorite Mr. Chandler has, to the extent of notifying me if you hear he is about to dispose of it in any way--or if anything should happen to him?

This meteorite should be preserved for scientific reasons. It has almost been lost once before, and narrowly escaped being turned down as a meteorite when he once took it to Denton. When I helped in finally confirming the identification in 1938, Mr. Chandler kindly let me have the meteorite. I wanted to buy it from him for my collection, but the thought of owning it appealed to him more than money.

He did kindly let me have it for safekeeping and I have had it on exhibit at T. C. U. most of the time, but when he recently wrote he wanted it back I took it to him, after having had it nearly 30 years!

I hope nobody talks him into breaking it or cutting it, as I have kept it inviolate all these years. I hope nobody fast talks him out of it, for money or other consideration, as I have assured him I would see to it that it is scientifically preserved and handled as well as anybody, and pay him as much as anybody would. After all, the market value is rather arbitrary, as there are only a few collectors or museums who will buy. But interest has zoomed in these objects in recent years on account of "space activity".

I understand he married rather late in life and I am a little worried lest his wife has urged him to get it and see what can be obtained for it, but he insisted to me he just had a feeling for it and wanted it back, and I couldn't deny his right to it. So keep me in mind, please, and give me a signal if you hear of anything about to happen to it! He has assured me of prior consideration, but sometimes strange things happen.

Sincerely,