

1946, Sep. 2.

Dear Mr. Chandler:

This acknowledges receipt of the stone meteorite belonging to you and weighing about 3 lbs.; it was in good condition except that the other sample you had enclosed had rubbed off on the meteorite in a number of places, but I think I can brush or dissolve this off.

The yellow piece, which I am returning to you, is doubtless sulphur, practically pure. I first thought it was a core, made by artificial drilling, but as you know, sulphur is produced from the salt domes by being melted out and pumped up in liquid form. I talked to an engineering acquaintance of mine here, and he points out that sulphur is one of the few common substances that expands a trifle on cooling, and hence is sometimes used to pour in holes where a bolt or pipe or some other object is to be held tightly in place. I am inclined to believe that this piece was artificially produced in that way. In no other way can I readily account for its presence in your neighborhood.

I am leaving for Flagstaff, Ariz., next Friday night and will exhibit your meteorite to the meeting there next week. This is the Society for Research on Meteorites, and the paper I present will be printed in their proceedings within a few months, in all probability. If so, I'll then send you a copy. I'll be back home about Sep. 20, and if you want the stone back, just write me then.

Thanks, again.

Yours sincerely,