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Mr. Van Long,
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Dear Mr. Long:

Thanks for your prompt and detailed reply. I see that you have already had the object definitely identified and even classified as a meteorite, so that point is settled.

Your fears that we might not be able to get together on a price may be justified in view of the figure you quote, but I would nevertheless still like a chance to come by and see the piece. If you can give me a few weeks, I think I can get around to this some time shortly after March 23rd. I am pretty well tied up until then.

The highest price I ever paid for a meteorite of any size did not come up to the one you quoted. As I said in my previous letter, freshly fallen pieces are of the greatest interest to scientific workers and especially petrographers; not much chemical work can be done satisfactorily on the old stones. Then among the older pieces found, the iron meteorites or "siderites" are actually the ones most intriguing to the investigators. Your type is one of the "chondrites", which make up 90% of the stony meteorites or "aerolites". The black chondrite as such is not too rare, tho it may be yours is unusual.

I'm just giving you the picture from my point of view. I still would like the refusal of the stone and will see you about it before too long.

Yours sincerely,

I'll let you hear from me before I start up, but when I do, I'll just come on out to your place and talk to you there.