

1957, Jan. 3.

Dear Frederick:

I appreciate very much your general attitude about the Amber, Okla., meteorite.

I will do all I can to see to it that it is eventually acquired on some basis satisfactory to all of us, including you, who are interested. I really don't think we could or will have to exceed the offer so far made.

At present I think the best strategy is to sit and wait. As a result of my canvassing in the neighborhood, I have had two suspected meteorites sent it, but one was an igneous rock ( a good guess), the other a simple quartzite.

I'll get in touch with Van Long before too long, or in the meantime I feel sure he'll get in touch with you or me. He's a pretty nice fellow personally, just a hard trader.

The highest I have ever paid for a meteorite was \$10 a pound for the hexahedrite Henderson recently described. Surely, as you reason, this one is hardly worth as much-- but that isn't always what counts. You just have to make the best deal you can.

I just spent the week end working in south Texas on a 6.18 a.m. Nov. 24th fireball that was as bright as the moon from points say 40 miles away; there are some vigorous detonations; the end height seems reasonably low, say 10-12 miles. I have some scant hopes, in spite of its being a morning meteor. But maybe it just some of Whipple's ices!

Juanita says thanks for being remembered. From all of us to all of you--Happy New Year.