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Dear Oscar:

Many thanks for your ltr. of the 13th and for the cc. of your ltr. of the 10th to your fellow Texan, concerning his suspected meteorite craters: I think that the latter is quite adequate, and agree with the sentiments expressed in it entirely.


I have of course read with great interest what you have written concerning the La Villa aerolite, and thank you for the snap-shot of it. I hope that eventually you will succeed in getting at least a piece of this, and I hope also that you will be able to give a paper on this previously unreported stone at the 20th Meeting of the MS, which will be held on this campus on Sep. 3 & 4, next---and it goes without saying that I hope that you will be able to attend this mtg., and that you will bring Juanita with you.

Our department has moved into new quarters in the Mathematical Sciences Bldg., just completed. Among other things, we have a meteoritical museum, which houses my collection and that of the Department. I hope to have this collection in good shape for exhibition when the Society meets here early in Sep.

We have recently acquired a 20-lb. aerolite from southern Kentucky---another previously unreported fall. It is an old stone, but very interesting. It took months of negotiations with the owner to obtain this aerolite, and we paid him \$105, including the \$5 express charges. Possibly you did not offer the owner of the La Villa stone enough to make her willing to part with it---especially in view of your and my experience with the owner of the Amber stone! By the way, have you any further information about that specimen, and do you suppose that we shall ever be able to persuade its owner to sell it? If so, I should still like to acquire a piece of it for our collection here, since I have described it in print without even having seen it!

With best wishes to you and Juanita, hoping to see you here in Sep., I am

Sincerely yours,


Frederick C. Leonard.