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Dear Oscar:


I have finally unearthed your letter of 1959 August 1 in regard to the Amber aerolite. At the bottom of that letter you list ³ pieces of that specimen that would be available to us here. I believe that we should want the first one, which is listed as weighing 5 lb. 7 oz. (and piece). What would the cost of that be, plus transportation charges?

I realize that, not having replied to your letter until months after its receipt, I am in a very weak position to request that you reply to the present letter promptly, but I shall have to do so, since the institutional funds available for the purchase of the forenamed specimen are in danger of lapsing in the near future: we are already approaching the end of the fiscal year, and pressure is ~~being~~ being put upon us to spend our funds, if we are going to! I certainly want to get this piece of Amber out of my research funds ^{for} the current year, and I assure you that you will be reimbursed promptly upon the receipt of the forenamed piece, if we may have it, as I hope we may.

I am looking forward to seeing you and to hearing you speak at the 23rd meeting of the Meteoritical Society at the USC on Aug. 30 and 31 and Sep. 1, next: John Russell told you, I believe, that the dates had to be advanced one week, but, I take it, the new dates are just as convenient for you as the old ones would have been.

Hoping to hear from you soon in regard to Amber, I remain, with best wishes, and repeated apologies for having delayed matters concerning that specimen so long,

Sincerely yours,


Frederick C. Leonard.