

1960, March 31.

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Dear Dr. Leonard:

The Railway Express Agency has just given me their receipt No. 03885 dated March 31, 1960, for a 7 pound package addressed to you, prepaid \$3.02. This contains the largest (end) piece of the Amber, Oklahoma, meteorite which I obtained; on our scales used for parcel post in the shipping room it is very close to 5 pounds 8 ounces.

The two slices I also got and which I still have at this time total about 2 lbs. 13 ounces or a shade over. Any way you figure the fractions, what you are getting is very near $\frac{2}{3}$ of the material I obtained.

I propose to charge on the basis of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the \$200 you once offered, or \$133.33. Adding the express makes \$136.35. I hope this is agreeable, not too big a shock for your budget, and will appeal to you since I am absorbing in toto the extra \$50 I paid.

If this is objectionable and you want one of the slices instead, just hold the main piece there and let me know. (You recall, I presume, that Van Long kept a smaller end piece of which he had only part left, which I assume weighed a pound, more or less.)

I hope soon to answer several very interesting points in your cordial letters, and assure you I did not procrastinate purposely in this matter. I am leaving in the morning to go to a 35 year law class reunion—horrors! Then I go on from Austin to the southern tip of Texas, McAllen, for a two day dry goods sample room showing with one of my salesmen.

Sincerely,