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Dear Oscar:

Your ltr. of 3-31 and also the 5-lb., 8-oz. piece of the Amber, Oklahoma, aerolite arrived today. I am delighted with the latter, and I have already placed it in an honored position in our Meteoritical Museum. Thank you for sending it on so promptly. I have already forwarded to the Purchasing Dept. of the University a requisition in the amount of \$136.35, for the purchase of the specimen from you, with the request that you be reimbursed in this amount as soon as possible. Large institutions move slowly in such matters; so don't hold your breath until you receive payment, but kindly let me know if and when a check from the University arrives. As to the price, I assure you that it is more than fair---it is more than generous, in fact, since you absorbed the extra \$50 that you paid to acquire the specimen. If at any time in the future you might wish to sell either of the pieces that you have left (I should assume that you would want to keep one piece in your own collection), will you please give us the first opportunity to purchase it? If so, I think that we should want to buy it and that we could arrange to do so. I don't suppose that you would like to sell one of the smaller pieces now; if so, however, please let me know.

Am I correct in assuming that you and Mr. Long and our museum here are the only possessors of pieces of this meteorite? I should like to know whether this assumption is correct, just for the record, and I should like to know also (if the information is available) what was the original (total or integrated) weight of this aerolite.

With repeated thanks for all that you have done to make it possible for us to secure the largest piece of Amber for our collection, I remain, with all good wishes and the hope that I shall see you here at the MS meeting in late Aug. and early Sep.,

Sincerely yours,



Frederick C. Leonard.