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Mr. Jim Westcott,
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter and the cut section of the Beaver, OK, stony meteorite, which arrived in good condition. I will delay a few days in sending your check because I have a number of changes in my bank account about the 15th, due to income tax payments and some certificates of deposit which are maturing. I hope you do not mind my leaning on you to this extent.

Beaver is obviously an old stone in terrestrial age, I would say anyways from a century to many centuries, but nobody seems to have a workable criterion for the age of these old finds. It is an interesting stone and you would do well to record the facts, but I should not try to advise you because I never did really write up many of our acquisitions, due to lack of time. I was active in our family business all the time I was collecting and really did not have much spare time.

Yes, I hope to be at the ST. Louis meeting as I have a cousin there whom I can visit, Joe. T. Monnig. I hope to attend the sessions but I must tell you that I cannot see people or recognize them until I am within two or three feet. I shall not be able to see any of the slide presentations and will be pretty useless in general, but I hope to talk to a lot of you.

I appreciate your having this piece cut for me. As I am donating many pieces to Texas Christian University here the evidence of your sales and prices will help me establish values with the Internal Revenue. They recently examined my gifts for 1969 and after a nine months, they finally o.k.'d them.

Keep me in mind if a piece of Belle Plaine should later become available.

Yours sincerely,