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Dear Walter:

Delighted to get the letter you wrote on my birthday, Sept. 4, when I reached (with regret) 59. "For tho we cry unto the sky, the moment will not wait."

Several things about your letter intrigued me. The concept of stored impact energy detectable visually by heating might help me determine whether the place I'm playing with near Vernon, Texas (Wilbarger County) is an "astrobleme" (I'm not thoroughly satisfied with Dietz' coined appellation for star-wound. The wound part is all right, but not the star.)

I have alerted Dietz to this formation and sent him a copy of the article which I'm also sending you. A preliminary trip to locate the spot this summer was not very fruitful as the weather was too hot and the time short; we found no shatter cones and material in which coesite might occur is sparse. I have several retired geologists near here interested and we shall look again this fall and maybe try your thermoluminescence. Let me know if you hear more about it.

Thanks for the rundown on the meteorites. Would you have an objection to giving me the name and address of the the widow of Mayday I's owner and letting me see if I can obtain it--- on any basis entirely agreeable to you.

At present I am as busy as the proverbial cranberry merchant with a very good fireball, zenithal magnitude -15?, that occurred over the area just east of Dallas Saturday night, Sep. 9 at 10.08 p.m. A moonwatch team in Dallas made a dandy precise observation and stop-watch timed 4m 15s as the sight-sound interval; there was a good shock wave. Fragments should lie near Sherman, Texas, and I've made a preliminary trip with another planned now that Hurricane Carla has passed. The eye theoretically went between Fort Worth and Dallas yesterday at 5 p.m. giving us our lowest station pressure on record since 1902 when the W. B. was started here, 28.95 inches. Not much wind here, but 4 to 6 inches of rain.

Soulen's letter addressed to his residence came back; I re-addressed to his working address that you had used. Maybe he's moved on to other work.

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