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1962, January 23.

Mr. Elvin R. Phipps,
c/o Merle Phipps,
Route 1,
Belle Plaine,
Kansas.

Dear Sir:

A friend of many years, Mr. Walter Houston, told me some time back of a meteorite you had. Mr. Houston and I have shared the pleasures of amateur astronomy for a long time in our correspondence.

I am really in a family dry goods business here, but have become especially interested in collecting meteorites. I do not profit from them in any way, but keep a goodly number on display in various places, especially at the Children's Museum at FortWorth.

Would you consider selling the one you have? I would be glad to negotiate with you, and if I could procure it, would put it on exhibit here. The old, weathered stone chondrites are chiefly of value for that purpose.

Investigating scientists and chemists shy away from detailed work on them because of the considerable extent of oxidation that has occurred in them since they fell.

I enclose a stamped envelope and will appreciate your kind consideration and response.

Sincerely,