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Oscar - for your information

Scott

P.S. next winter when you
make your annual trek to
N.Y., let me know beforehand -
I probably can dash down
for a drink!

Do you want to identify
a suspect now? I don't

Dr. Walter S. Houston
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Dear Dr. Houston:

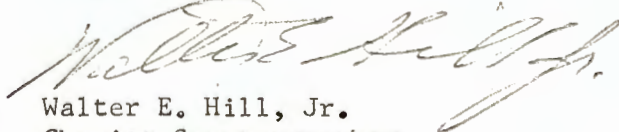
Dr. Gillerman and I are trying to complete a report on the Belle Plaine meteorite which was donated to the K.U. Geology Museum several years ago. We are faced with the dilemma that the original Belle Plaine meteorite which you have seen and Mason has reported is still lost. The chondrite which we have is remarkably similar to the descriptions and mineralogy of the original Belle Plaine, however the finder, a Mr. Franklin Berger, claims to have plowed up the Belle Plaine #2?

In our last correspondence with you in early 1963 we unfortunately caught you in the middle of a move into a new house. You mentioned that in your original notes you had the young teachers name, the exact coordinates of the find and photos.

We need to know if we are dealing with the original chondrite or a multiple fragment of a single fall. The identical mineralogy rules out much chance of overlapping falls, but not that it might be the same specimen.

If your notes have come to light and you can furnish us with the young teachers name, description of the original find and possibly lend us a copy of your photos for comparison we would greatly appreciate it.

Respectfully,



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ability!

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