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Dear Sir:

I will be happy to help you with further work on the Belle Plaine meteorites.

You catch me at an unfavorable moment, as I am leaving tomorrow morning on a two weeks' trip. But as soon as I return, about Oct. 19, I will try to locate my Belle Plaine file and give you any information I can.

I do have a further interest in trying to help make more recoveries but I would not take a dog-in-the-manger attitude.

I think I can give you very close positions and all three are remarkably near to being in a straight line so that I do think your area of search can be confined to a rather narrow strip. Ofcourse it is quite possible there are others not in this straight line!

I have been hoping for three or four years to make a trip up there and it would be nice if I could go to the fall sites with you.

Have you talked to Gilleman and Hill? Have you tried your detector on the stone they reported on? I don't think there is much metallic iron and it is probably scattered in tiny granules in the main so that I wonder if there is enough metallic cross section to affect a detector. I will write you more about the question of analysis when I return.

Yours sincerely,