

1967, Oct. 15.

Mr. Elvin R. Phipps,
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Dear Mr. Phipps:

You might be interested in the enclosed copy of an article about the Belle Plaine stones. The mineralogy and chemistry are not entirely within my ken but from what I have read and studied about meteorites, this one seems to be fairly normal and one of the prevalent type.

It does have a little more nickel-iron than many of its class and I am a little surprised at Gillerman's finding that magnetite, the magnetic oxide of iron, Fe_3O_4 , is one of the major constituents. It is generally not present or very minor in this type of meteorites.

He states that investigations are continuing in the area and maybe he or his associates have already gone there and talked to the farmers, but I don't think it will hurt to talk to them again and find out how much interest has been aroused or continues. Besides, I am curious to see the exact character of the country (which I am sure you know only too well!) and especially how the Minnescah River affects the topography in an extension of the meteorite-line to the NE.

Yours sincerely,

P. S.. My plans now will take me away from Oct. 20th to Nov. 3rd and I'll check with you when I return.