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Dear Sir:

I apologise for not sooner answering your letter of January 24 requesting samples of carbonaceous chondrites.

Your requests seem reasonable enough but for reasons that may be indefensible we prefer not to break up either the Bells or Crescent specimens, of which we have the entire recovered falls.

I doubt if science will suffer seriously as you probably have other C2 samples from which ours don't differ much.

Thank you for the offer to purchase but this means little or nothing to me. I would only have to report it as income and pay taxes thereon and I don't need the money!

We have had numerous requests for bits of these meteorites as you can well imagine, but I prefer to hold them intact. Some day I hope to meet you and maybe make a better impression on you! I note you are a member of The Meteoritical Society.

Yours sincerely,

*David M. Brown*