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1961, Sept. 25

Col. C. C. Cook, USAF (Retired),
415 West Rainey St.,
Sherman, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I appreciate your kindness in writing me about the spot in your driveway.

The scientific evidence all indicates that meteorites (short of the very huge crater-forming type, like the one that made the big hole in Arizona) are not hot when they strike. They are always reported to be only mildly warm, and are not capable of starting fires or burning anything.

Nevertheless, I would be quite interested in seeing the fragment you took out, and enclose some postage estimated to be sufficient to forward it to me.

I cannot promise when I'll be back up there, as I spent Saturday-Sunday trying to run down the meteorites from the Sep. 9 fireball, and must stay here in my business most of this week (Monnig Dry Goods Company).

It is possible I'll be up there Thursday, so let me request that you try to preserve the spot till Thursday night, and if by then I am a "no-show", please feel fully you have done all I could ask. I can appreciate it might be awkward to keep avoiding or protecting the area in a driveway.

(For your private information (I have not released this to the newspapers) we located just yesterday the first piece of a meteorite from this recent fall, some 2 or 3 miles west of Bells. I think there are many other fragments in that region, but none is likely to be in Sherman proper.

Yours gratefully,