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Dr. E. P. Handerson,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I made a trip around the east side of the Sep. 9th meteor path Saturday and while at Bonham examined all specimens of alleged meteorites available to me; some were similar to what I wrote you about before, others a little heavier but still obviously slaggy. Two supposed to be much denser and "metallic", tho I find the public uses the word loosely, were locked in a school building and I could not get to them.

Perhaps with Mr. Walter White's inspiration, the Bonham students and others in town have really gone into the business of searching; they are convinced they are finding the "ashes" from the fall, and will not listen with any conviction to my classification of them as artificial slag or cinders, so let them be. The argument is that they were not there before but were after the meteor, etc. Some of them were found on a vacant lot owned by one Brannon, which explains where that name entered the picture.

The actual meteor path is considerably to the west, and we retrieved the first meteorite from there yesterday. I hope to find more and will continue working as diligently as my time and other duties allow. I would appreciate no competition.

Details will follow, but I want to get a few things under control first.

Yours sincerely,

P. S. The Peterson petrified wood from Morton (near Marshall), Texas, received and forwarded back to her.

But you can put it down as a fact that Texas has had 2 real meteorite falls in 102 days only 130 miles apart!