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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
29 Chelsea Drive
Fort Worth 15, Texas

Dear Oscar:

We received your letter of September 12th but the specimen has not arrived as yet. Although I am confident that the object they reported is not a meteorite, it will be fun to see it just the same.

We have news of another fireball which passed over Fort Worth on September 9 about 10 P.M. The Dallas Sunday newspaper of the 10th gave an account and mentioned that it may have been seen to fall near McAlester, Oklahoma. Is the report true about the "boom being felt all over the metropolitan area and all the way to Fort Worth?" Shall I come down and help you locate this one?

Someone called my home while I was in Ohio but did not leave their name and this may have been you. Due to a local situation, my wife does not like to have it known that she is alone in the house. However, she reluctantly told the operator that I was out of town for the moment.

Hope you have some luck in recovering the September 9th fall.

Cordially yours,

Ed.

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