

1964, October 21.

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Dear Sir:

Thanks indeed for your letters of Oct. 16 and 20,
the latter with map enclosure.

I have been over every road shown on this map in the
area involved, and stopped at every house, during my searches
for fragments of the Bells meteorite that fell Sept. 9, 1961.
Yet I never noticed this anomaly, which shows you what a poor
geologist I am. Of course I had my mind on recovering pieces
of a carbonaceous chondrite!

I will surely go up this fall and examine this on the
ground, but I doubt if my opinion thereafter will be of much
value or interest to you. I will certainly keep it confidential;
I have two friends in entirely unrelated lines of business (neither
oil nor dry goods!) who might be with me and see this information,
but otherwise it will get no publicity. I deeply appreciate
your thus opening up your files for me.

On the subject of structures possibly caused by meteoritic
impact, have you seen the rather wild article in the July "Journal of
Geology" in which Dietz ascribes the Sudbury nickel deposits and
related basin to the impact of an asteroid? It has its weak points
but to one in my position is highly appealing in parts.

Sincerely,