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Dear Sir:-

The Sunday Daily Oklahoman of November 12, 1961 showed your picture on page 12A holding a fragment of the Meteor of September 9th, stating that you were endeavoring to trace the path of meteorological phenomenon.

Well if you'll pardon me for entering the mystery without being invited I wish to inform you that I saw the meteor pass this town to the south. It was traveling south east ward at the time. I can not give the hour of the time to say it was some time after mid-night. It could have been in the wee hours of Sept 10th, but believe September 9 was the date.

I was awake. The glare from its intense light was very noticable, and identified it immediately as not being a star. As I was peering out an east window of my home everything suddenly became visible as if an automobile having powerful head lights was focused on objects in the out of doors, so I jumped from my bed to get a load through curiosity.

The meteor was plainly visible. There being no cloudiness and it was moving rapidly so that the reflection from the body diminished rapidly.

As to say positively how far to the south the meteor actually was would be impossible to determine under the conditions as it was observed by all who also saw it. But in taking a ruler and placing it upon a map from Lexington, into the points named in the newspaper article tends to go so near the places mentioned that there can be no doubt whatever that it was not the same as the one you are tracing.

This was the first meteor I ever observed in my 85 years time on this mundane sphere. Now I thought best to address you directly and to take some duplicates of the letter so that you could mail a copy to each of those whose name is mentioned in connection with yours. Also not being quite certain about the addresses being correct, the mail might be returned. Then it occurs to me that each one would no doubt a copy of my original letter to you and all parties concerned could be enlightened on the subject. I stand ready to supply more information if of any value or importance if others cared to address me personally.

I do lots of research, but do not classify myself as a scientist in any of the scientific branches. With best wishes, and trusting that you'll be able to unravel the mystery surrounding this missile from the heavens, I remain,

Very truly yours,

  
H. A. Hawk.

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