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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig  
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Dear Mr. Monnig:

Thank you for your letter and order of March 30. The specimen to fill your order was mailed on April 3. I hope that it arrived in good condition and proved satisfactory. The York specimen has an interesting crystallization pattern, particularly around some of the plessite areas.

I am sorry to hear that the meteorites from the January 9th fireball are proving so elusive. Having a rough, unpopulated region between the burst and the true end point would be quite a detriment even if the meteorite were of rather hard material. A carbonaceous or other fragile-type body would make your search border on the impossible.

If McCrosky's boys were on the job, they would solve the problem by looking where there was no ground cover and the walking was easier. Skip Swartz told me that that is how they handled a well photographed fall in Missouri a few years ago. The meteor came almost straight down and the meteorites evidently landed in some woods. But it was hard walking in the woods and difficult to see anything so the Prairie Network men searched in a pasture about three miles away and "perfected their technique." Now there is a rumor that the noble efforts of Prairie Network are to be discontinued--evidently an austerity measure. Makes a fellow get all choked up to think about it.

Anyway, I hope that your luck changes and the next time out turns up something.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Glenn I Huss

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