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Dear Glenn:

I enclose check for the York specimen, and thank you for sending it so promptly and well packed. I consider it very interesting.

An engineer friend of mine in Central Texas thought he had some ideas of improvement on tracking meteorite falls, I think mainly by using infra-red photography. I believe he's out of work and trying to figure out something to make some money. I disillusioned him on that score as to anything astronomical, but I did write McCroskey about some reprints, which he kindly supplied.

In answering me he volunteered information that the Prairie Network would cease to exist in a few months (his letter was Jan. 30), because of a mixture of economy and their own feeling that they had accomplished about as much as they could.

It also interested me that he concluded with "Winds produce terrible uncertainties."

Three further days of searching for the Jan. 9th meteorite(?) have yielded nothing. I don't work too hard on these things but I had a man with me on two days and two others one day. We are searching near the end because vigorous multiple detonations were heard there and I have come to a place where there were no detonations so I'm pretty sure fall did not reach there.

One is driven to 3 possible conclusions: we have the path or location wrong; the object was cometary and yielded nothing (ice); it was fragile (carbonaceous chondrite?) and pieces are too small for ordinary persons to notice or pick up. WE have been especially watching for this sort of thing because of my prior experience with Crescent and Bells.

Sincerely,