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Mr. Mike Chikowski,
1345 South First St.,
Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am very much interested in your report of an iron meteorite of some 8 to 9 pounds weight with a label on masking tape attached, "Sundown". As I understand you, this is in the collection of a retired geologist, Mr. Ned Kennedy, who lent it to you for display to an astronomy group.

I scribbled down some notes as you talked to me on the phone and believe you said that it had been given to his nephew, who worked in Fort Worth, by some one there with possibly the first name of Oscar, like mine, and that Mr. Corwin Butler suggested I might know something about this.

I regret to say that I still do not; I have pretty complete catalogs of meteorites and keep up with the subject as best a layman can, and I don't know of any reported iron or stoney meteorite from Sundown, which I presume refers to the town by that name in Hockley County, Texas.

I enclose a circular which should enable you to determine for certain whe ther this is a meteorite-- not that I doubt Mr. Kennedy, but there have been many cases of honest mis-identification.

If it is indeed a meteorite not on the regular lists I would indeed like to help learn all we can about where and when it was found and would like to work with you and Mr. Kennedy with a view to having the object examined and described carefully by experts in the field with whom I am acquainted.

Sincerely,