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Dear Mr. Stockwell:

The Mr. Claude H. Smith of R. F. D. 3, Waterloo, whom you mention (a member of The Meteoritical Society) is in New York (state), Not Iowa, which accounts for your letter being returned. I recall your letter, and he does sound like a person interested on your level and mine.

Don't run yourself too hard--you really are entitled to some good rest in between searches, especially during the bad spells of weather. I want to see you continue active in meteorite hunting for a long, long time!

I enclose check to Mr. M. D. Kimberly for \$285.00 for his half interest in the two meteorites, and a short bill of sale form which I trust he'll not object to signing. How about leaving them there with you until after the first of the year? In buying these, I am not at all anxious to take them away from you, so feel free to keep one or both as long as you wish. Ship C.R.I.P. when you do. Crating is not necessary, but perhaps you could put a burlap bag or feedsack or two around them for a little protection. Some cloth wired around the pieces would make them easier to handle. I may write you more about this later; for full protection I may decide to use express even at the extra cost.

My friend in West Texas is E. R. Cornelius at Lamesa, Texas. Should you ever go to Odessa, I believe he'd be very anxious to go along and help if he could get off from work. He is young and ambitious, with no money, and I encourage him all I can. He has been to the Odessa crater.

I had a rock cutting device (not now in active use) with which I could do a neat job on small stone meteorites, but have nothing for cutting irons. I believe the U. S. National Museum will cut any iron you want at a reasonable figure; they might want a piece of the meteorite. I don't know just how they operate. But they do fine work.

Will write more soon. I think I can lend you a stone meteorite indefinitely; we ordinarily don't sell out of our collection.

Yours sincerely,