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Dear Mr. Butler:

I was rather astonished when I got the circulars you submitted, as issued by the Smithsonian Astrophysical, both in English and in Spanish. I thank you greatly for these, and for their latest pamphlet on Meteorites, which is very well done.

Truth to tell, while I had given full permission to them (as I have to others) for the use of my circular as they saw fit, I was flabbergasted to see how closely they followed me and I do indeed feel flattered!! They had never, however, sent me any copies like those you submitted, and this was the first time I had ever seen any.

I really never thought of my circular as being very universally applicable because it was written and revised from time to time on the basis of the generally sedimentary geology of Texas and primarily for this immediate region. Something more should be added to it for regions containing igneous rocks or for regions where there are a lot of ferruginous sandstones or iron ores.

I am tentatively planning to go to Mexico to try to see the total eclipse of March 7, and am trying to get in on a tour arrangement which is temporarily sold out. Anyway, I think I'll copy the Spanish circular, put my name on it, and take some with me! How about that?

You possibly heard of our regional excitement in the fall of a bronzite chondrite at Lost City, Okla., Jan. 3. I made an arm chair-telephone survey next day (Sunday) and wrote newspapers in Oklahoma that I felt pieces had probably fallen with 5 to 10 miles of a state trooper who was 3 miles W. of Tahlequah. I specified it would be to the north of him and really thought it would be somewhat to the east, but the Harvard network had caught it (I thought it would) and the following Friday one of their men who had come to work on it found a 22 pound piece in the road he was traveling!-- It was 2 miles NE of Lost City, which you can't find on most atlases but which is just north of Halbart. This put it about 7 miles from my key witness state tooper, onicely in the range of my prediction, tho I still think bigger pieces may lie to the NE. A smaller one has been found just a little NE.