

1965, November 24

Mr. R. C. Orr,  
Route 2,  
Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Orr:

I have submitted the small piece of the little meteorite that Glen let me have to the United States National Museum for examination and further testing. To my surprise, they are worried that it may not be a meteorite. It does have nickel, as meteorites must, but the content is abnormally high. Furthermore, the interior structure is not like known meteorites and makes them doubtful.

Now, I am arguing and I believe that it is a meteorite of an unusual type. They are quite willing to do more work and testing, but they need a larger piece, and I am asking you to let me have the six pound piece to send to them.

It would be necessary to cut this and they might want to keep a slice or even use some small quantity for what they term "destructive" analysis. For the most part they would subject it to what is called "non-destructive" analysis, which can be done with certain very complicated instruments they have. Most of the meteorite could be returned to you, perhaps in two pieces.

I hope you will consent to this. You know me well enough by now to feel, I hope, that my every move is made with utter fairness. I am going to suggest you mail it to me parcel post insured in a well packed or heavy carton; I suggest insurance for only a nominal sum, say \$10.00, so you will have a receipt from me. Then I will promise to bear the expense of getting it to Washington and back, and will give you a full report of their results. If you have any objections to this course, I hope you will phone me any night or Sunday, at 817 AX 3-0349.

Yours sincerely,