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Mr. Hal Stamps  
Tishomingo, Okla.

Dear Hal:

Thank you for talking to Mr. Pete Littlepage, the high school principal.

For various reasons it will be the week of April 11th before I can come back up there. If you can make a tentative date for me sometime that week, preferably Tuesday or Thursday, I would appreciate it. I would also rather like to have an understanding that in case of extremely inclement weather I could phone and cancel the engagement because it isn't much fun to go out on these deals when it is stormy or raining badly.

I am letting the matter of acquisition of these meteorites rest for the time being as that is the way the parties seem to want it. My only fear is that somebody from the National Aeronautic and Space Administration or some big University will barge in and put up a big plea with a lot of scientific baloney as to why they should have it. This kind of talk is hard for me to fight and I hope if anybody like that shows up on the scene you will try to urge Mr. Whitely and Mr. Orr to protect my priority as I will certainly give them as much for it as anyone. However, these scientists are apt to urge that it will be a wonderful thing for the space age effort or some such phase of governmental activity if the objects were turned over to them and a lot of time they twist people's arm with this kind of a plea.

Yours sincerely,

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