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Dear Dr. Harrington:

I am sorry I didn't specifically tell you to keep the two pictures. They were extra copies I had made. If you want them or need them, let me know and I'll gladly send them on again. I got them back yesterday.

Ordinarily I detest people who send things and ask their return, but now I am going deliberately to violate that principle by enclosing two colored prints of crater views. I got these from Mr. Sam Bishop of Midland and they are the only copies I have; therefore I do enclose a stamped envelope so you can send them back after they have tickled your fancy.

One is from the NW, from the nearby High Plains outlier of some elevation. In the airplane view you are approximately N or NE of the crater, I believe, tho I am a bit confused.

Apropos your suggestion of a ditch right at the outer boundary, I can only pray and say that if this is done, I hope it will be restored and not left torn like what many astronomers call the "Odesseccration". I can never forgive the University of Texas and the WPA for tearing that thing up and then walking off and leaving it. Of course they ran out of money and the war came along, but I still it was a shame to so destroy even a poor crater.

But why cut a ditch there when the pipe line ditch I mentioned in my letter of March 16th clearly showed the dip a long ways out from the primary rim? Anyhow, I'm happy to see a man take a definitive stand as you do, and I'll certainly let you know if there are further developments that come to my attention, either from NASA or the Astro-Geology division of the U. S. Geological Survey (another example of vast government duplication!).

I wish you could see the other side of the shield from a business man's point of view, who has to deal with internal revenue men, wage and hour inspectors, fur and wool act deputies, etc. etc. ad nauseam. I don't think Goldwater's all right all the time, but I'll surely vote for him if I get a chance--I fear I won't.

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