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Dear John:

I do not mean to involve you in an endless correspondence, but there were a couple of comments I wanted to make.

Much as I appreciate the congratulations about getting the suburban stores, I must confess it may be a few years before we can say whether they are in order or should be replaced by commissaries! It is quite a gamble, all on borrowed money, the biggest step of our commercial careers, and we may have to cut down our wholesale activities somewhat to gain space there for central receiving and distributing. Temporarily we rented the Fair warehouse out on the expressway, but it is too big and too expensive.

We felt it was an inevitable development, however, and Allied agreed with us; in fact, they wanted to buy us out! Much of what I have said here is of course confidential.

There was much discussion at the Colorado 'City crater as to the probable time of formation of the thing, and "post" and "pre" flew thru the air freely along with Tertiary, Cretaceous and Triassic, but everybody and everything seemed utterly confused to me. I personally did not get much impression of any dip at all in the formations in the middle of the crater, and lean to the thought that the disturbance was prior to the Cretaceous or Tertiary. I just can't get excited about it's being a meteorite crater. On the other hand, why and how such an isolated formation could come about thru a sink hole phenomenon is equally puzzling to me. I think I told you I sent copies of some of the vertical pictures to the astrogeology division of the U. S. G. S., Mr. Elston at Menlo Park, Calif., and I'm going to send a pair to Dietz, who has taken such a great interest in the "cryptovolcanic structures".

The darn shingles are worse if anything and I'm in my 9th week. I leave for Canada Tuesday for an all rail trip to northern Manitoba, near Hudson's Bay, to see the total solar eclipse July 20th. Pray for clear weather for us; Juanita is going along.

Sincerely,