

1959, August 21

B ara Scott,
4820 Beaumont Drive,
La Mesa, Calif.

Attn. Mr. Will T. Scott

Dear Sir:

It was indeed a pleasure to get your nice letter of August 16. As to the slabs, do please send me the approval slab assortment, as I know I will keep a good number of them. I could send you another \$20 or \$25 now, but since we know each other I will just wait and thus write only one additional check.

Otto is my older brother and has run our retail department store, Monnig's, here for some years; he has been our corporation's president since my father's death in 1947. I have been Vice-President of the firm and operate our wholesale store. I will surely tell him about you and your present set-up and connections. We had middle brother, Bill, who died in 1928; his son, Wm. Monnig III, is our firm Secretary and is active in our retail store here.

My interest in astronomy and meteorites lead quite naturally to considerable interest in rocks and minerals, but I do not do any slabbing or gem work myself, the years ago I built a poor sort of rock saw on which I cut some meteorites once in a while--the stony type. I have quite an extensive collection of meteorites, secured in various ways; a local group of us, including several very friends, have run down and procured stones from 5 fresh falls in the last 20 years.

I am intensely interested in the crater you mention near Colorado City and will try my very best to investigate it personally in a preliminary way this fall. I am going to Massachusetts in October to try to see a total eclipse of the sun. The work you and your daughter are doing sounds most intriguing and I am sure I shall enjoy seeing the submitted specimens and will like some of them quite well.

Sincerely,