

1965, January 9

Dr. Brian Mason,  
American Museum of Natural History,  
77th and Central Park West,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brian:

I am heartened to hear of the recovery of some of the gems stolen from your institution as I know it will remove some of the weight from your shoulders, and I can certainly hope for more to return.

I shall make my annual New York visit soon, leaving here Jan 15th and going by way of Chicago. I hope to see what the Museum there has in the way of meteorites, as I have not visited it since 1932. I'll get in New York Sunday the 17th and leave Saturday the 23rd and hope to see you some day. We shall stay at the St. Moritz tho my convention activities (the National Association of Textile and Apparel Wholesalers) will headquarter at the Americana.

I am writing Ed. Henderson today, and wish to say the same to you, that in so far as you gentlemen will recognize it, I am hereby staking a claim to a meteorite I do not have! It is an old stone chondrite of very low metal content and presumably a bronzite or hypersthene chondrite, and I am trying to get a little chip to bring with me for your classification, but the owner is very gracious about showing the meteorite and telling about it, yet adamant about parting with even a tiny bit. It is said to have been previously reported to the "American Museum", which may be you or Smithsonian. I have known about it for over 4 years and can't get it yet!

I am proposing it be known as Cranfills Gap, Bosque County, Texas, as it was found very near that little town at 31° 45' N., 97° 45' W. in the 1940's. Total weight is not definitely determined but is about 12-15 pounds.

Hope to see you soon. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,