

Dec. 18, 1963

Mr. Oscar Monning
29 Chelsea Drive
Fort Worth 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Monning:

I am sorry to have taken so long to answer your letter and obtain the information you requested. I have been in the field of with Christmas of the new baby coming I am afraid time got away from me.

Hano Drilling Company has closed its offices here so I called Mr. Schultz at his home at 2402 Sinclair St. He does have what he believes to be a meteorite, he estimates to be about 15 pounds in weight. @ Mr. Glenn Evans of Midland and a Mr. Waldschmidt have looked at it and both believe it to be a meteorite. Mr. Evans is a well known geologist in this area and was a former professor at the University. He has also done considerable work in the Odessa Meteor Crater. I know Glenn and believe that if he verified it then it is a meteorite. Mr. Evans & Mr. Schultz believe that it is an unusual one. Schultz said it is stoney iron, has gas pits on one side

and a "burnt crust" on the other side. The meteorite was found 15 to 20 years ago in Boski County, by his father while ploughing.

The meteor is intact except for a piece he has sawed off & still has and a piece that was broken or beat off with a hammer and has disappeared.

I asked Mr. Schultz if he would send either piece to you in order that you may examine it and make him an offer to buy it. He definitely will not send either piece to anyone. Glenn Evans tried to get him to send it to the National or American Museum in New York for examination and he refused. He is apparently afraid it will not be returned to him.

I also asked him if he would be willing to sell it and he was rather evasive. He said he had no particular desire to sell it and had thought of putting it in a museum. Later in the conversation he said he might sell it but "it would take a lot of money." How much money he would not say.

I feel that if you could come to Midland and make him an offer he would probably sell it. It is apparently the only way you can examine it. I had the feeling that during our conversation he was trying to find out what you would pay for it.

I called Glenn this morning and discussed the meteorite with him. He said it was definitely a meteorite, stoney iron as he remembered it. It is very unusual, particularly in the orientation of the iron. It is also very fresh. He said he thought it should be in the hands of someone who knows their value. Glenn tried to get Schultz to send the piece to the American Museum but he refused. Glenn would like to see it in your collection and will do anything possible to help you. He would be happy to discuss the meteorite with you. He works for Louisiana Land and Exploration Co., V. & J. Tower, telephone MU4-8064. His home address is 2204 Sinclair, and telephone is MU2-8123.

Glenn had the same feeling that I did about Schultz. Schultz would sell it for the right price. Neither of us know what that price is. However, you would have to come to Midland to examine it, determine the value and make an offer. Mr. Schultz is apparently out of work since Hano drilling closed and now may be a very opportune time to approach him.

I hope this information is of some help to you. If I can be of further help please don't hesitate to call on me. I will try to be more prompt in the future. If you do come to Midland please come by to see us. We wish you a very Merry Christmas of the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Sam Bishop