

1963, Nov. 20

Mr. Sam W. Bishop,
Humble Oil and Refining Co.,
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mr. Bishop:

I still recall with pleasure our nice visit with you on the occasion of re-examining the Colorado City "crater". You mentioned at that time having some Kodachrome photos you had taken from the air. If you can lay your hands on these, would you let me have some duplicates made or make them for me at my expense?

I have another favor to ask of you. Some years ago there was a man in Midland named Porter Rankin; I think he died about a year or so ago. I saw him occasionally as he had quite a collection of jade and went in for lapidary work, etc., in a big way. He tried to sell me his jade collection once for \$5,000 but I didn't have that kind of money or that much knowledge about jade!

Anyhow, to get back to the point, I used to have Rankin on the lookout for meteorites, which I collect. He told me that one H. V. Schultz of the Llano Drilling Co. in your city reputedly had a meteorite of some 30 pounds weight found by Schultz' father in a field in Central Texas. This is entirely hearsay.

I think Schultz was supposed to have a small piece also, sawed off the main mass, but he apparently was not willing to let Rankin have either one on any terms. I let Rankin try to handle the matter but after his death finally decided to write Schultz direct. I did this on Sept. 30th but got no answer.

Now, would you mind seeing Schultz for me and see if he would submit either the main piece or the sample piece to me and let me make an offer to buy it if it is a meteorite? A stamped envelope is enclosed. Many thanks.

Sincerely,