

1960, Sept. 22.

Mr. Porter Rankin,
P.O. Box 1024,
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Your phone call of August 23 came just as I was preparing to leave on my vacation. I primarily went to Los Angeles to attend a meeting of The Meteoritical Society, but thereafter my wife had to be pleased, and we went on to points north including San Francisco.

I got back the 13th but it has taken about till now to get my feet on the ground and caught up with store work.

As I understood you, this Mr. H. V. Schulz of the Llano Drilling Co. has a 30 pound meteorite found by his father in a field in Central Texas, but will not even consider parting with it or the small piece sawed off which you say he has.

I was not clear as to what type it was, stone or iron, tho it hardly be the former if a hack saw or similar instrument was used to get a piece off. It might very well be a pallasite, like the little fragment I got from you when we were in Midland. This is iron with blobs of olivine and sometimes chromite scattered thru it.

Please give me more information and tell me what you think our best line of attack would be. I more or less plan to make a week-end trip out that way in early October; should we see Schulz then or should I write him first?

Please try to get that topo map marked by the finder of the Moab, Utah, iron, as I am getting anxious for that information. At the meeting I attended I talked to a professor from Utah who is especially interested in meteorites from that state.

Sincerely,