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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
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Dear Mr. Monnig:

Recently a group here at Caltech has been measuring the hydrocarbons, and amino acids and sugars in various chondrite meteorites. They have asked that I write you to enlist your help if possible in obtaining a small sample (about 5 grams) of the Bell chondrite.

I have been here at Caltech since leaving Tulsa in August, 1961, so have never finished the compilation of the tapes from the A. L. meeting in Tulsa. However, I have heard many good reports about the papers presented and hope you have gained a few recruits.

It seems that much real interest in the nature of meteorites is now beginning to form among the earth scientists and I'm sure they will be grateful to you, Walt Houston and the others who have so long been collecting the basic materials for research.

I'm sure CIT will be happy to defray any reasonable expense required to obtain some of the Bell fall and though the analysis destroys the sample only a small piece is required.

I am enclosing a preprint of some of the work that has been done and I'm sure Dr. Degens would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Many thanks,


Jim Westphal

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Enclosure