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Dear Sir:

A long while back you kindly sent me a small plastic box of pellets from the Estherville, Iowa meteorite fall of over 100 years ago. I was not able to examine these closely because of severely failing eyesight due to a cause nonoperable.

I find many of the spherules are attracted by a magnet, which would indicate they might well be particles of meteorites, especiaally since this fall was largely iron inseead of stone. I have wondered whether the natural soil in that area has any terrestrial magnetite in its

I have donate my entire meteorite collection to Texas Christiaan Univer-  
sity, including this sample, and will try to get someone there to examine  
it optically.

If you will fôrgive my long delayed answer, I will still appreciate hear-  
ing further from you concerning identification evidence.

Yours sincerely,

Oscar E. Monnig

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