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Dear Linda and Paul,

Let me throw out a proposal for your consideration: First, some background. It appears that, after my investigation, the current market value for your meteorite is \$3,000, about what I guessed. It's a really nice specimen, but not an uncommon type, any dealer would just slice it up and sell the slices. Slicing it usually causes about 20 to 25% weight loss depending on the blade thickness. This, plus the time for slicing and polishing, detracts from the value a dealer would pay for the whole piece. That pretty well describes the dealer's value.

Now, here's my proposal: the Provost of the university says he'd like to have the Fife meteorite in the Monnig Collection and to put it in a display case in the TCU Alumni Center for at least a couple of years. It is an excellent example of a stone meteorite of which there are others out there waiting to be discovered. The more people that see it, the more that'll be found and hopefully brought to TCU, as you folks have. TCU would be willing to buy it from you for \$4,000 because we would not be cutting it up and would use it as is for at least several years. At my age, I can't obviously predict what would be its fate more years down the road. Therefore, I argued for adding the \$1,000 to the current market value in case it should prove to have somewhat more value later. The current market is not nearly as good as it was several years ago and might improve later.

Think about this proposal. If you decide to decline the offer, I still would be happy to work with you on marketing it because it is your property. You kind folks have relied on me for its fate and I want to do the right thing for you.

Best Wishes,  
Art Ehlmann

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