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"Dear Art"

I mentioned to you two very large iron meteorites that I hope to bring out there one of these days.

They are from Gibeon, Southwest Africa, one of a huge shower of large meteorites found over a wide area and also known by various other names, the now mostly reported under the name Gibeon.

I have kept them out doors since I acquired them many years ago, and they weather well. They do not spall or shed any further and are apparently well protected by a coating of iron oxide.

The problem is their weight and size. There is some confusion about the weights, but I think one weighs 390 pounds, and the other one 890.

Overall dimensions of the smaller one are 15x12 x 10 inches high at extreme points. The larger one is about 27 x 15 at one end but only 8 inches wide at the other end and about 12 inches high. I think they would fit nicely into one or two of the huge planter pots just outside your doors, if the stagg of the gardeners, etc., would allow. Whether they would gradually sink isostatically I do not know. They have pushed a heavy board down pretty well that I had them setting on!

Think about these and I'll talk to you some time. I think they could be hauled in a truck with a fork lift and run right onto the area where the planters are, then lifted off.

Typing errors are due mostly to my bad eyes and not well trained typing.

Sincerely,