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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
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Dear Mr. Monnig:

Thank you for your letter of December 1.

We missed you at the meeting. Especially when the assembled multitude tried to ram the idea of a committee for naming meteorites down our throats. Naturally Dr. Nininger and I lost the vote against it by three to whatever. The way it looks to me at the moment, such a committee will be an exercise in futility with the blind reassuring the blind of their own infallibility. There were no literature handouts and about as large a proportion of papers as usual of interest only to the writer and to his mentor.

I will be glad to refinish the piece of Glorieta if you decide to get it. Especially if I can do it after the first of the year. And it can be shipped here if you like. We will be away from Dec. 23 until around Jan. 1, so if it comes during that time it will have to wait in the express or post office. Probably be cheaper and as fast to have it shipped air mail registered.


The Charlevoix shatter cones are probably no better than the ones which you got. None of them shows individual cones as did the Sierra Madera cones. The cones instead roughen the fracture surfaces or stand out in a sort of bas-relief. I'll be glad to send you a specimen to look at.

I heard about the daylight fireball of November 10 and figured that you probably had it well covered. Too bad it ended so high up. It must have been a big one.

I have recently heard that the Astrophysical Observatory is now saying that the big south-north daylight fireball over Utah-Idaho-Montana and southern Alberta of August 11 went back out of the atmosphere. This seems unlikely to me--especially when the news reports from Alberta described it breaking up and going out over the mountains. But they claim to have radar information from the far north to back them up.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


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