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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig
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Dear Mr. Monnig:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 19, which was referred to me by a Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Brownwood, relative to the alleged sighting of what was presumed to be a fireball on the night of May 30 by my son, Bill, and myself.

Actually after further investigation it appears that the object which we sighted was one of the satellites, probably the Echo, since we spotted the assumed fireball on May 30 and the time and direction coincided with the report of the meteorite which fell in East Texas, and our first thought was that this was the same object. However, on the next night we sighted the same object about fifteen minutes earlier. However, in view of the fact that I am very limited in my knowledge of astronomy, I will refer your letter to my son, who has since been inducted into the Navy and is stationed at San Diego, with the thought perhaps he can add to the information.

Very truly yours,


M. E. Barnes

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