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Dear Richmond:

I learn you escaped from me May 26th. I was in Waco three days ago and hoped to say Hail and Fareerll, but I was too slow.

Keep in touch with me if you can; one never knows when a meteorite will fall near Nelson! More seriously, if you come across anything up there, you had better be close-mouthed about it. Because the Canadians have nationalized meteorites, so to speak, if I understand the matter right. They all automatically belong to the government; you may think that's a good thing, but I don't.

There was a famous fall near Revelstoke a few years ago, and it turned out to be a carbonaceous chondrite; only one gram was recovered! A trapper saw a lot of little black particles on the snow, I heard, and sent some of it in. They really were not fully on their toes in not recognizing the possibility that it might be this kind of meteorite--people, even scientists, are inclined to think a huge fireball and especially one with mighty detonations will yield big rocks--but it isn't necessarily so!!!

Who will be your successor at Baylor?--whom should I pester next about speaking to the poor students? Who will be in charge of the meteorites, including the Turkey, Texas, specimen? Give me the names of all whom I should know there, please.

An interesting end slice off a meteorite that allegedly fell Sep. 2, 1967 at Wiluna, West Australia, has been offered to me. It is interesting in having a black crust that looks quite fresh, yet oxidation seems to have penetrated all the way across the slice, a good three inches. Of course I don't know how long before it was picked up, but there seems to be some inconsistency between the interior and exterior appearances.

Many thanks for all you did for me while you were at Baylor; it has been a rewarding acquaintance.