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Dear Ian:

It could not have happened to a nicer fellow! I was delighted to read of your personal retrieval of the Innisfree meteorite and have read with great interest such accounts as have been published.

Naturally I look forward to the ultimate complete report and in the meanwhile I have some hope you have found some further pieces.

We have tried repeatedly but generally without luck to accomplish such a personal find. I did once on the occasion of the Bells, Texas, carbonaceous chondrite. I remember a chilly November day when my nephew and I patrolled an open field on foot. We knew it was under the path of the fireball because several other pieces had been found, and I finally got my reward by seeing this little marble size piece of about 15 grams some 10-15' from me. As you say you knew at once you had it!

Yours sincerely,

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