

1957, May 2.

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Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thanks for your letter of April 24th; I am indeed glad to hear that you feel you are getting out of the woods somewhat on your lab and shop reorganization problems. What is all this set of changes about?--I am so far behind on what goes on there that I think I should come to Washington to investigate!

Your kindness in offering me a piece of the Kaufman is appreciated, but I got it from Mrs. Hinrichs on the representation that it was for you, and I think I'll just let it stay that way. They have some other smaller pieces that I may finally be able to get. In fact, my file shows that Mr. Hinrichs, back in 1942, lent me two fragments of this meteorite for inspection, but apparently I returned them to him by insured mail. One weighed 13 grams; the other was larger and had an inked "35" glued on, but I don't have a record of what it weighed. Both had some ground and semi-polished areas. I have never understood whether you have finally sent Mrs. Hinrichs' half back to her and would like to know about this eventually. Misspelling her name didn't hurt anything; she is not an unpleasant or crotchety person.

By the way, isn't the McKinney stone a black chondrite, and is it distinguishable from Kaufman? My recollections are that it looks a little different (I have several samples and one large slice of McKinney), but the two sites are only about 43 miles apart.

Yours sincerely