

1957, May 8

Dr. J. Lell Elliott,
210 West Peter,
Edinburg, Texas.

Dear Dr. Elliott:

This is a delayed note of thanks for your kind reception and many courtesies when I recently McAllen and Edinburg. I enjoyed very much meeting and being with you, and want to thank you and Mrs. Elliott for your hospitality. We enjoyed the trip to Reynosa and the excellent food there, which you should have heard my wife vividly describing to her friends upon our return. It was good of both of you to sacrifice a couple of your evenings primarily for our entertainment and benefit.

You have made great strides in your astronomical set-up there and have many things of which to be proud. I hope it all continues at a pleasurable and successful pace. You are certainly nearly ready for the artificial satellite, and may you have the luck and skill to see it several times!

I have not yet written Mrs. Wade about the meteorite, feeling it best not to rush the matter. No doubt she had great distress with her farming operations as a result of a 6 inch sudden rain at La Villa about which I read. Actually, however, such an occurrence should uncover possible additional meteorites in areas subject to rapid erosion, as I pointed out to Paul in a letter today.

He can tell you about our adventures up here with the comet. I hope you got some good looks at it. We witnessed the transit of Mercury pretty well, but a heavy streak of cirrus at the wrong moment ruined my efforts to get an accurate time on the second contact. I was using just a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " refractor and probably couldn't have done too well, but had WWV time signals going and a tape recorder handy. Well, maybe next time!

I shall shortly send Paul the descriptive notations promised on the meteorites left there for exhibit.

Sincerely,