

La Paz est not at 1st at 1T, but $\frac{3}{4}$ of mass
lost as oxidized material in removing, in spite of all
precautions. Remaining iron core of 620 lbs is still
largest granular hexahedrite in the world. Pt of find
is 20 miles from museum.

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Dear Lincoln:

Congratulations on the Ardmore find! I'm sorry I wasn't
the lucky one, but I'm always glad to see anything come to light.
I was in Los Angeles on the rest of my vacation when I read of this,
and the press reports I saw were not specific as to size.

I did not return home till this Monday and am quite con-
fined to the store for this week. Inferring that the meteorite
might be extremely large, and perhaps not removable with ease for
either physical or political reasons, I had planned to go up to
Ardmore just to see it this week end. Today, however, from an
advance sheet of "Time", I see a weight of 600 lbs. given, and
if that is correct I assume the object has long since been removed
by a fellow who can lug 2200 lbs. ones home.

If the object is still viewable at Ardmore, will you do
me the courtesy of wiring collect before Saturday noon so I can go
do homage to it?

I have your letter about the conflicting interpretation Wylie
and I gave a certain observation on the Oklahoma fireball last November.
I'll look up my file and try to write you about this, but don't know
to what extent I want to get involved. I'm not as much in favor of
fighting in meteoritics as you seem to be!

Yours sincerely,

Allen Graffham of Univ of Neb - Director of Museum at
Lake Murray State Park - Tucker - Tower Museum.
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