

1960, June 2

Mr. E. P. Henderson,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Henderson:

I am offered an iron meteorite of about 43 pounds 9 oz., allegedly found by a uranium prospector in Utah some 6 years ago. I am presented with a rather complete story of the find and a corroborating witness, but have not talked to these people directly as the offer of the specimen comes thru a collector who had acquired it.

He wants a stiff price for it and I don't mind paying if I am sure it is a new find, but in some respects it resembles Canyon Diablo and I am bit worried.

A piece had been hacked off/end as usual, and I smoothed this down crudely with a file and emery cloth so as to get a rough etch job. The figures are quite broad, and I am inclined to think it is not a Canyon Diablo.

I would appreciate your judgment and am sending it to you by express prepaid today. I would like your answer as quickly as possible, and as I shall be in Nashville, Tenn., next Monday (not on meteorite business!) I may phone you from there.

The meteorite is well packed in a heavy box with some cotton taped over the little etched area. I know the etching is a poor job but it should enable you to classify the object and I hope differentiate it.

If I don't phone you please write me air mail as quickly as feasible.

Sincerely,