

September 25, 1950

Mr. Joe T. Monnig
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Dear Joe:

Thank you very much for the clipping from your paper on the fireball of September 21. This was undoubtedly a Grade A event of its kind, and I feel certain, personally, that at least some fragments fell.

However, I normally don't try to work more than 250 or 300 miles from Fort Worth, as pleasure begins to interfere too much with business at greater distances. I don't know whether anyone will work actively in trying to recover pieces from this fall, but there are some professors at the University of Tennessee and the University of Iowa who might pitch in and do something. However, they are restricted on their time and money likewise.

I haven't investigated the newspaper report that one man had already picked up a piece of it, but from previous experience I know that probably he has something else. I am always interested in getting any information of this kind. You never get quite enough information, because most of it is not very precise. I might still dash up that way and do something on it, but it would have to be a week or so after Otto returns. He is looking forward to his visit with you.

Yours sincerely,

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