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Dear Glen:

Because of my long absence on the eclipse expedition my work and even my avocational letters suffered considerable delay and I am just now paying you for refinishing the Nazareth piece.

I really don't consider it your fault or the fault of the meteorite, but rather the conditions here in my house where I kept it. I live in a rather low place and the moisture conditions are probably on the wet side as a rule, in spite of the fact that the house is heated in winter and cooled in summer. The piece was in fine shape when it was returned and has remained so, but I have left it in my office at the store where I think conditions are better.

The eclipse trip was a grand success tho the sky was somewhat dusty. I mainly looked visually with my binoculars, an old 8 x 30 Zeiss pair, tho I tried a few shots with a Leica camera, hand held, 90 mm focal length lens, and got two passably good ones. The ship's deck looked like "the Tipod National Forest" as one man said. I think nearly everybody except me had a telescope and/or mounted camera!

I am intensely sorry about Mrs. Nininger's difficulties. I wrote her a little note and was deeply touched by Harvey's quite sentimental acknowledgement.

A minor fireball was seen here Aug. 23, 9.40 p.m. C.D.S.T., and I got about 10 local reports. It was in the SW part of the sky and I know from one report at Iredell, Tx., that it was still SW of there, but I don't have the necessary additional observations to fix even a rough path. It was possibly apparent mag. -8 from here. I am intrigued because the VFON bulletin listed a possible re-entry of a Titan rocket for that date. I hardly think this could have been it because the duration was quite short, not over 2 seconds for most observers and perhaps 4 to 6 overall at the most. But Bob Brown, my closest associate in meteor astronomy for years, saw it and said it was most peculiar (somewhat rectangular appearing on one side and different colors on the two sides, one red, one blue).