

1971, January 17

Dear Mr. New:

Thanks for your letter and invoice of January 5-6. The package arrived in excellent condition.

I will keep the specimens but I do need the 30 days you allow on your terms--too much estimated income tax just now! I will remit in the first half of February.

The Nut Wood Down irons are a new one on me, and I'll have to check my list of Australian meteorites to see if it has been reported. It is very obviously a case of a crater because the twisted and torn shape of these specimens indicates the strong reacting forces involved in an impact. I hardly think the date of fall could have been as recent as the 1966 reported to you by your source, as these pieces are quite oxidized on the exterior. More than likely they were first found and the crater recognized in 1966.

Let me know if you learn any more about them in this respect, and if I unearth more information I'll pass it on to you.

Sincerely,