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Dear Crleton:

Thanks greatly for the research information on the Haven, Kansas, stone locality. I don't recall whether I ever met Russell Morley, tho I have known of him, and I am wondering if he is still active or living. His name is not on the latest list of members of T.N.M. S.

Morley's location description differs slightly from what I am getting from the finder's daughter, and the reason I want to pursue the matter further is a desire to straighten out some minor discrepancies as a matter of historical record.

I don't have title to the other stone yet, but I hardly see much point inslicing it to check the identity as you kindly offer to do. I do appreciate greatly your willingness to do all you can, and we'll see about this phase of the matter later.

I believe the remaining main mass of the stone Morley describes is in the museum at Greensburg, Kansas. Mrs. Phenister, the daughter of the finder, now tells me that a cousin of hers saw it there last February.

I have normally taken some pride in paying my own way fully in my incursions into the academic world, but I'm going to break down and ask for a copy of Nagy's book on Carbonaceous Meteorites at your generous discount offer of 40%, and enclose a check accordingly for \$50.00, which should be enough to include postage and incidentals also. I'll just buy the Buchwald book later at the regular price offered to members. And I'll keep quiet about this Nagy deal. I really have no business with the book, as such theories are pretty far beyond my ken. My function is simply to hunt them when they fall, and I am beginning to think I missed one on the big fireball of January 9th near here--a lot of noise, a lot light, apparently an incised train of some duration--but we can't find a speck, and we've been driven to some personal searching--it's too hot now to do this further for a few months, and I fear the carbonaceous thing is out there disintegrating away!--it's had lots of rain on it.

Sincerely,