

1957, May 11.

Mrs. J. R. Wade, Sr.,
Box 67,
La Villa, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Wade:

It was very considerate of you to write me so fully concerning the further developments regarding the meteorite. I can certainly have no quarrel with your family's decision to donate the meteorite to the Pan-American College, which is indeed quite liberal on your part.

I do want to thank you, and should have before now, for your gracious reception where I visited you and for all the courtesies extended. I did not write sooner because I didn't want to pester you or have you feel I was putting any pressure on you.

I am glad you got some better photographs, because while all of mine are not yet developed and printed, those which I have are not too good because of the unfavorable lighting conditions while I was there.

I regret for your sake you could not get national magazine interest, but the local publicity you are planning will be wonderful and will help get people in your region interested and quite possibly result in additional meteorites being reported from the Valley. At least that is my fond hope, and I have furnished Mr. Engle and Dr. Elliott with some other meteorites to go with yours and make a little display. I am only trying to be helpful in this respect, and hope you will not feel I am interfering.

I hope the recent heavy rains did not damage your farming interests too much. I do want to point out that wherever any unusual erosion took place, meteorites formerly buried may be exposed as a result of such washing rains.

Naturally I will continue to hope that I might get in any further meteorites that might be found--you might even find another one on your place!

Sincerely,