

1969, Feb. 11

Mr. Roy S. Clarke, Jr.,
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Dear Mr. Clarke:

I have returned in the official envelope the receipt for the Loreto, Baja California, specimen. I thank you again for your part in thus satisfactorily (I hope from your point of view, too) closing out this entire long-pending matter. It has been as much my fault as any one's for letting it drag, but Ed Henderson and I have always had such complete trust in each other that we weren't bothered.

The fireballs are flashing down this way, but recoveries are doubtful as usual. The NASA boys and some Houston enthusiasts are working on a 3 a.m. one they think ended about 20 miles east of there (I don't have my file before me but think this was about Feb. 5). I don't have much hope for these morning events.

Then there was a real dandy over Mexico apparently ending south of Arizona some time the morning of Feb. 8. There was some initial talk of its being a polar satellite coming down, but I think it was a true fireball of the spectacular type, almost certainly yielding something but over a God-forsaken territory.

I pointed out to Mason that the last three falls in the U.S. had hit roofs. With the building boom in the nation there ought to be more recoveries soon!

Sincerely,

