

1957, Jan. 3.

Mr. Andy Bowen,  
Route 1, Box 83,  
Ninokah, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Bowen:

Thanks very much for your interest and the rock sample you submitted. I regret to say that it is not a meteorite.

This is a sandstone, or what some geologists might term a "quartzite". It is composed of tiny grains of sand or quartz cemented together, and is stained by a small amount of oxides near the surface, giving it the yellowish color. This and any other similar stones would be of no value.

A meteorite would have some free metallic iron in it, and this has none. The enclosed circular may be of interest. I am returning the specimen sample.

I hope you have better luck next time.

Sincerely,