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Miss Jackie Wallace,  
1808 Gibbons St.,  
Greenville, Texas.

Dear Miss Wallace:

Thank you for your interest in the fireball of Sep. 9th. I am sure the piece you have could not be from that fall, because pieces are always lie under the path near the end point, and this object was considerably west of Greenville. Did you happen to be outside and actually see it in flight from there?

We think from our survey that the object came into visibility about over Terrell or somewhat south thereof, and traveled almost due north, bearing just a little west of north, until it ended in a final burst just west of Bells, Texas. Five fragments have been found there, totalling only some 9 ounces. We are convinced there are many more in that region but the meteorite is an unusual fragile type and apparently broke into many tiny pieces. This particular meteorite looks like charcoal of molded sort, is dull black both inside and out, and not very heavy for its size (contrary to what is generally true, as most meteorites have a high density).

They are not hot when they land, only mildly warm at best according to most reports, and do not ordinarily have any noticeable odor of being burnt. Your description does not enable me to tell for certain, but as a rule meteorites do not show the sparkle you mention and are not conglomeratic in make-up.

I don't know when I'll get over to Greenville but I would gladly look at it when I do. Meanwhile, perhaps the enclosed circular will help you make up your mind. There is a small possibility it is another meteorite from a separate fall.

Yours sincerely,