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P.S. I think it will have to be called Moab, Utah, but we can decide definitely on that later

1960, July 10

Dr. E. P. Henderson:
U. S. National Museum,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Henderson:

I am really indebted to you and your institution for the work done on the Utah iron. I do thank you and all the others involved.

Since the evidence here likewise mounts in favor of this being a true original find and a new meteorite locality, I shall take a chance and go ahead with payment to the man offering it to me. After all, we take chances in business every day!

There is no reason in the buying of meteorites, and it is mostly emotional or fortuitous. I know I can say this easier from my point of view; if I want one bad enough I just pay for it and forego something else. I realize you must account for public funds when you buy one. But I think you are justified in paying almost anything because they are unique items that cannot be manufactured or duplicated, and if you start from scratch as I did many years and would really have a cost accounting system of all the effort it takes to procure them, you would be astounded at the investment.

The most I ever paid for one on a weight basis was the Richland iron; there the man had secured national publicity and I had the nation to bid against; besides, he wanted to buy a second hand car. In another case a farmer needed licenses for his car and tracks, and the price came to that required sum! No sense to it. This Utah iron will come high, but not as high as Richland.

When you are thru with it, no hurry, return it express collect valued at \$400.00. I am going to move on account of the negroes (God bless the Supreme Court and Nixon) about Sept. 1st, and should there be that much delay, I will furnish you with a new address. I shipped it to you express prepaid.

Do you want an extra slice on an exchange basis?