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Dear Dr. Anders:

Thank you for the copy of the *Nininger* issue, which arrived some days ago. I shall enjoy prowling thru it and absorbing what I can, which won't be as much as I'd like.

It was cordial of you to invite us to lunch with you and your wife and I had fully planned to accept. Unfortunately, my wife developed a very severe infection in a finger and finally had to be hospitalized and have the carbuncle-like area cut out under a general anaesthetic last Tuesday. Altho she felt much better by Friday and the finger seems to be getting better rapidly, the surgeon said he would frown on her taking a trip right now, and that he wouldn't do it if it were his hand--so what are you going to do? I just felt it was perhaps ultra-conservative but I cancelled the entire trip rather than take even a slight chance on complications or the possible loss of a finger.

I put off deciding till the last moment, as we each wanted very much to go, but then wired you so you would not make plans to expect me.

There will be better days and other meteorites! I just inspected a 32 pound mass this afternoon that has the density of an iron meteorite but is not at all magnetic and must be something artificial, probably a hunk of manganese. It has three fairly flat faces separated by right dihedral angles and tho allegedly found on a remote farm near Abilene, Texas, some 50 years ago must be artificial.

Sincerely,