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AIRMAIL
May 6, 1977

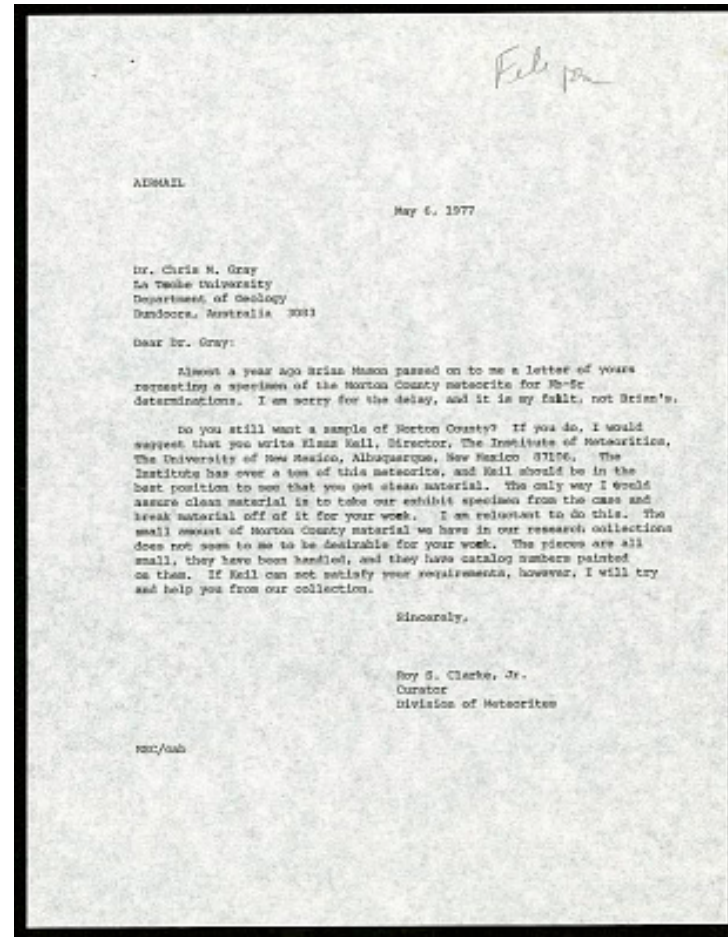
Dr. Chris M. Gray
La Tooe University
Department of Geology
Bundarra, Australia 3083

Dear Dr. Gray:
Almost a year ago Brian Mason passed on to me a letter of yours requesting a specimen of the Norton County meteorite for Rb-Sr determinations. I am sorry for the delay, and it is my fault, not Brian's.

Do you still want a sample of Norton County? If you do, I would suggest that you write Klaus Keil, Director, The Institute of Meteoritics, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106. The Institute has over a ton of this meteorite, and Keil should be in the best position to see that you get clean material. The only way I could assure clean material is to take our exhibit specimen from the case and break material off of it for your work. I am reluctant to do this. The small amount of Norton County material we have in our research collections does not seem to me to be desirable for your work. The pieces are all small, they have been handled, and they have catalog numbers painted on them. If Keil can not satisfy your requirements, however, I will try and help you from our collection.

Sincerely,

Roy S. Clarke, Jr.
Curator
Division of Meteorites
RSC/cab



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