
The following telegrams have been received from W. A. Cassidy while he was searching for meteorites near McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, during December 1977 and January 1978.

27 December 1977

Within two hours of put in at camp site near Allan Nunatak we found 21 small meteorite fragments. Most are very small but one is 7 to 8 kilograms in size.

W. Cassidy

12 January 1978

Cassidy has found 298 meteorites and pieces of meteorites. There are several different types. More field search is scheduled.

M. Turner

13 January 1978

1. Can you set up to section and store two very special small specimens by 10 Feb. Cassidy and Turner plan to arrive Houston about that date with samples packed in dry ice.

2. Can you advise us or arrange customs clearance for these samples to avoid warming up or contamination.

3. Would appreciate spot on program at Lunar Science Conference to report current results and will send abstract soonest possible.

W. Cassidy

1 February 1978

1. Will notify you of our arrival by telephone from Los Angeles in time to arrange all details.

2. Two specimens 100 to 300 grams each packaged in aluminum foil each in separate stainless steel bolt top box and boxes inside one large isopod with dry ice.


4. Abstract should include following: We recovered 310 individual meteorites or fragments representing 20 to 50 different meteorites from Allan Hills, Antarctica site discovered last year.

Meteorites were collected in a manner designed to minimize contamination and sample degradation. Concentration mechanism may depend to some extent on sub ice topography in Allan Hills area. Regards.

Cassidy