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Dear T-sipper:

I can't tell you how pleased we all are that you are making such good progress on your geology degree at UT. The university has such a good football team that they must also have a brilliant group of teachers, especially in geology.

The reason that I am writing is that I need your geological expertise. Your uncle found a strange rock on our property recently. He thought it might be sort of valuable. After all, tiny pieces of meteorites seem to sell for thousands of dollars. If our rock turns out to be valuable, then we will be quite rich because we have a lot of it. We would be in a position to make you a nice graduation present! Anyway, your cousin Bo was here last weekend. He has a degree in geology from Texas A&M. He looked at the special rock and said that he thought that it was the product of a bolide impact (whatever they are). He had to leave for a consulting trip to Albania and couldn't spend more time studying the rock. He suggested that you might study the rock because you have had some geology from that nice Dr. McSnarf. He also said that geologists from UT were not as good as those from A&M, but still most UT people could tell limestone from basalt. He said we should hire you as a consultant and pay a normal consulting fee. His consulting fee is \$100/hour, but he said your fee should be less because 1) you are from UT, 2) you don't have your degree yet, and 3) that Dr. McSnarf isn't really that good.

Your uncle and I agree that we should pay you a reasonable consulting fee for this study. We know that you won't spend the money on beer, that awful rock music, or sinfull movies. Bo said that a professional report, which should not be longer than 2 typed double-spaced pages, must include the following:

Executive summary: 2 or 3 sentences that summarizes the report

Geologic setting: location, group, formation, member, age

Description of the mystery rock- and of the associated rocks: maybe with photos,
VCR tapes, sketches, etc. (not included in the 2-page count)

Interpretation of mystery rock

Economic evaluation of mystery rock and associated rocks

As Ever,

Aunt Sally