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Mr. Arthur Bray,
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Dear Mr. Bray:

Following the receipt of your letter of January 18th, I contacted Dr. Eric Smith of the Mines Branch and he informs me that he hopes to have his report on the Les Ecureils iron mass completed shortly. As soon as this is available I will see that you get a copy.

The results of the study of the specimen by Dr. Smith show no evidence of extra-terrestrial origin. Lacking this evidence, he feels there is no justification for extending the investigation to some of the further tests, such as neutron activation analysis, that you suggest in your letter of September 4th. I must say I tend to agree with him in this view.

I also feel that, without clear scientific evidence of extra-terrestrial origin, then searching for answers in the case of many minor points, such as those mentioned in the letter from Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins dated December 9, 1969, is of no particular value. However, Dr. Smith did tell me he now has some evidence about how and why the mass came to be located where it was found and he will include this in his report.

It is unfortunate that an aura of mystery has developed over the years regarding this specimen. This has been encouraged by various statements made by individuals and repeated second and third hand until the original meaning and context have been lost.