

The flames of controversy surrounding this piece of metal are burning higher in several countries because of the long delay in making public the investigation report. The general reaction of interested people is that if the metal is simply a chunk of foundry slag, why hasn't proof of this been produced by now, since Dr. Smith apparently reached this conclusion quite some time ago? Considerable suspicion has been cast over the whole affair and the only way in which the image of the departments concerned will be cleared of suspicion will be by making public, as soon as possible, a complete report of all details of the investigation, clearly proving that the metal is terrestrial slag.

One of the most serious problems with respect to Ufology is the definite impression of most Ufologists that the government doesn't "level" with them, but withholds information. It is this which results in suspicion. As I know that you share with me a desire to keep the public fully informed of all facts pertaining to UFOs, you will understand the necessity to make public all the facts as soon as possible. When the matter is settled to my satisfaction I can assure wide publication of the facts to UFO investigation groups around the world, through my many connections with them.

It would, of course, be easy to say that the famous (or infamous?) Condon Committee concluded that this metal is foundry waste (Bantam edition, p. 92) and just let it go at that. However, it is noteworthy that this conclusion was drawn simply after sighting the metal and scanning a report from CARDE, not after conducting any laboratory analysis themselves. This conclusion, by that particular group, is unjustified under such circumstances, and is hardly scientific.

As you know, my interest in this matter is just to see it settled, finally but factually. I have no vested interest in claiming the metal is of extraterrestrial origin, and I have never stated it is. But if it is terrestrial, this should be provable at least to the point of proving it is identical to other known material of terrestrial origin, and this proof must be presented. If I am not satisfied that the evidence is adequate as proof, it is unlikely that other UFO investigators will be satisfied either.

Thank you for the efficient and willing co-operation of your staff during my visit to your Section today. It was good to see you again, although very briefly.

With my kindest personal regards, in the hope of an early settlement of the matter,

Very sincerely,

Arthur Bray