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Dear Mr. Lade,

Thank you very much for your letter of October 30, and I am sorry that I took so long to answer it, but I have really been quite busy, mostly with personal matters, so that my saucer work has had to slip a bit.

The metal sample I sent you was from a larger piece, about 3000 pounds, which seems to be made up of metal sheets of varying thickness from 0.01 to 0.7 inch, all impaled on a cone shaped plug about 9 inches in diameter at the big end and 4 inches in diameter and with a hemispherical end at the small end. The whole is terribly contorted and shows much evidence of cold flow such as would occur on high velocity impact. It is roughly mushroom shaped as if it landed in soft rock. The concave (almost flat) surface is relatively smooth and contains about 30 per square cm. of little stony particles just below the surface, about 0.005 inch in diameter. One expert here identified them as possibly micrometeorites.

Analysis of the sample gives varying results as to where the specimen was taken, but in general it is manganese steel with all sorts of odd elements in it. Some of the samples contain NO carbon. We would like, but have not yet, been able to obtain an analysis of the isotope proportions in some of the elements such as the iron. Familiar isotope proportion would not establish much but any other proportion should indicate a high degree of probability for extra terrestrial origin.

There is no question but that the object is fabricated and not a natural chunk of metal. Its history so far as we can find out is a grade A puzzle. It appeared on a stone beach on the St. Lawrence River, without leaving ANY scar, about July 1, 1961. That section of the beach was inaccessible by boat and by truck, as a road had to be cut to get equipment in to take it out. High water provided about a foot of cover. No boat, no truck, no fall, no helicopter (as all such machines capable of lifting 3000 lbs were accounted for) and the date determined within about a week.

Maybe it is a piece of a space craft which was wrecked out in space and this piece fell on the moon where it lay for sufficient time to pick up its collection of micrometeorites, and was then carefully brought to earth and placed where we would find it. WHY?