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Dear Dr. Millman:

I am writing with reference to your letter of January 21, 1970, on file M45-1-101 on the subject of the "Les Ecureils Iron Mass". Four months have passed since your letter, so I wonder what Dr. Eric Smith meant by "shortly". In October, he said "soon".

Since Dr. Smith feels there is no justification for extending the investigation to some of the further tests such as (for only one example) neutron activation analysis, that I suggested in my letter of September 4, 1969, on the grounds that there is so far no evidence of extra-terrestrial origin, I trust he will provide reasons to clearly rule out the possibility that such evidence would not be found if such tests were to be conducted. The point is, how can he be so certain of not finding evidence if it isn't looked for?

In Dr. Smith's letter of October 6, 1969, he stated that the composition of this metal is different from that of normal manganese steel. It will be expected that his report will show precisely in what way it is different, with quantitative measures of the differences. Differences from normal manganese steel in themselves do not prove it is foundry slag. We need proof that it is foundry slag, not proof that it simply isn't "normal".

In the same letter, Dr. Smith referred to evidence "accumulated by the club". As Dr. Smith's investigation is expected to be a thorough scientific one, it is hoped that his conclusions will not be based in any way upon evidence accumulated by the club (other than the metal itself), but will be based solely upon his own scientific investigation.