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Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to the so-called "Les Ecuriels Iron Mass" which was found on the shore of the St. Lawrence River in Canada about ten years ago, and which was referred to in the Condon Report, pages 91-92 (Bantam edition).

As the Condon Report implies, Dr. Condon's investigator has accepted the conclusion of CARDE that the metal is foundry slag, and that as such it has no connection with the UFO question. However, various other tests have indicated that this metal apparently has some strange properties and few people who have had a direct involvement with this metal accept the results of the CARDE analysis. Also, the apparently strange circumstances surrounding the arrival of the 3000 pound chunk in the site where it was found pose interesting questions.

A piece of this artifact has been in a certain federal government laboratory here in Ottawa for well over a year now and the only report on the results of the analysis conducted there was that the metal is "manganese steel, probably the ladle residues from several heats at a foundry". All attempts to obtain a detailed scientific report of the analyses conducted have so far failed, despite repeated attempts on my part. The question of the real nature of this metal therefore remains open, and it has been the subject of much controversy in UFO literature over the years since it was found.

In view of the very excellent work done by APRO on the Ubatuba magnesium, I wonder if you might be able and willing to arrange for similar analyses to be conducted on this piece of Canadian hardware.

I am anxious that an independent study of this metal be made