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Mr. Arthur Bray,
1187 Agincourt Rd.,
Ottawa 5, Ont.

Dear Arthur:

This will confirm the statement in your letter of September 4, 1969 that you left with me on August 27, 1969 a piece of metal weighing approximately 15 lbs. and an envelope of powdery substance which came from inside of the metal.

As I told you personally I will recommend to the Geological Survey that this material be studied as completely as possible to attempt to arrive at an answer concerning its origin. I think I should mention here however that even with a complete examination and analysis of such a specimen it is not a foregone conclusion that we can give an absolutely definite yes or no concerning its terrestrial or extraterrestrial origin. I think I can assure you that it will be possible to express an opinion as to whether it is meteoritic. I am not an expert in mineralogy but since iron of various types has been forged for many centuries it is quite possible that no one has complete enough information to identify all artificial iron produced terrestrially. I certainly agree with you that we should do what we can to study this object and I will let you know later the results of my discussions with the Geological Survey. Since they are very rushed at the present time it may be a few months before we have anything significant to report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter M. Millman".

Peter M. Millman,
Head,
Upper Atmosphere Research Section.

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