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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

By the date of your letter, the mail service has not improved much over the past few years - your letter arrived here July 10.

In addition to your detailed research on newspaper accounts of my activities on Oak Island, there is not much I can add. To answer your questions, my interest in Oak Island began when I was eleven years old after reading an article about the suspected treasure buried on Oak Island. The article appeared in the Denver Post.

During the latter stage of Restall's efforts I did furnish financing for Restall to explore his theories to locate a flood tunnel at Smiths Cove.

After my geologic evaluation of the area, it was clear the Island is of glacial deposition - clay, till, and typical glacial material, and suspected to overlie the Windsor and Halifax formations. The clay of the Island has a shear angle of nearly 0 degrees and therefore offered the possibility of digging an open pit without massive caving, and to expect minor peeling of the sides. The pit was completed to a depth of 141 feet using a 2½ cu. yd. P&H clam. At that depth the crane operator dug for six hours only to recover very small amounts of hard limestone, which I suggest is the Windsor formation - limestone unit. Later drilling confirmed the limestone which was 2 feet thick, then a cavity beneath extending to about 182 feet. This could be a natural feature as found in limestone units throughout the world. Normally,



I would have considered this a natural cavity and I doubt that this geologic concept could have been known by depositors (?) of treasure before burying anything of value. However, if something is buried on Oak Island, the limestone could have been a surprise to any depositors (?) and used to their advantage - specific items of wrought iron and wood along with other items recovered by Triton Alliance have been carefully dated and fall into the pirate era. These items recovered are man-made and foreign to glacial deposits.

As a shareholder in Triton, I am most interested in seeing a successful excavation of the area - a preponderance of evidence suggests underground work done by men many years in the past.

If I can be of further help to you, please let me know. I wish you the best of luck on your book and I would be very honored to have a copy when completed.

Very truly yours,

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