P.O. Box 321 Mahone Bay Nova Scotia Canada September 8, 1976 Robert Dunfield Hope Bay Mines Ltd. 4419 Van Nuys Boulevard Suite 200 P.O. Box 55067 Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403 Dear Mr. Dunfield: Have you had a chance yet to gather together any of the information I requested in my letter of August 7? I shall be winding up my local research here in Nova Scotia in a few weeks and expect to leave here the first week of October.

I'd therefore be most grateful for any of your Oak Island data that you can send me in the immediate future in case it raises further questions or research that I would have to handle from here. If your information does get held up in the mail, it will be forwarded on to me.

After I leave here I'll likely be spending the fall in Vermont locked up with my typewriter, notes and Oak Island files putting together the first draft of my manuscript. Tracing the history of Oak Island has been a fascinating though often frustrating project, especially when it comes to separating fact from fiction.

Incidentally, one question I don't think I asked in my last letter concerns the pieces of china that you found on the island. I believe they were found in one of the pits you were digging. Could you tell me at what depth the china was found and whether you were able to have it identified or dated? And from where it was found is it likely something left behind by earlier searchers or is it probably original?

I do hope you'll get a chance to answer my various queries before I leave here. I thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

D'Arcy O'Connor