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in February of next year. A watchman is still on the island and is at present engaged in cutting lumber for my account.

If the government will not permit further operations Hamilton will remove his equipment and will abandon the project temporarily. In that event I imagine that most of the buildings will disappear immediately and I will of course have anything of mine moved to shore at that time.

He has not advised Blair of his present conclusions but I think he intends writing him to the effect that he has exhausted all plans of recovery suggested either by Blair or myself, that he is completely at loss for further endeavor and is open to suggestions from Blair.

He further believes that he has discovered that my precious drilled stone markers are nothing but sockets for "Whim" axles. He in fact explored areas adjacent to other shafts and found at least one other drilled stone similar to the ones first discovered. The hole in the new one was more crudely drilled but was very similar in size and depth. His conclusion there is very possible.

The only two items unexplainable are the work and fibre at the Beach and the parchment. Of course the parchment could have appeared from almost any source and could be discounted for that reason, but neither Hamilton nor I have any explanation to offer to cover the mystery of the beach.

I have not read the articles by Roberts in the Chronicle and in fact had not heard of them. I have not been contacted by Roberts at all and I am quite curious as to his references to me. As you are so kind as to offer copies of the articles I can assure you I would appreciate a full file at your earliest convenience.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Harris and hope that her recovery continues.

I cannot predict right now when I shall visit Oak or Halifax again but you can rest assured that it will be my first project when the opportunity presents itself for regardless of all set-backs or misfortunes connected with the island, I love it almost as much as I do my home and I have a deep yearning to see all of my friends in that delightful land of Nova Scotia.

The family are all well and I can report quite some progress in my slow climb back to financial security. You failed to mention your boys and I certainly hope they are well. Greetings of the Season and the hope that 1943 will bring the Peace and Security we are all fighting for.

Sincerely

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