

August 21, 1940.

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Dear Mr. Hedden:

Confirming telegrams exchanged with you on Aug. 17th, to which I received the following reply, "No transfer Oak made or anticipated" my reason for wiring you was that on Saturday last Hamilton called and intimated that he had word from a friend of his in Washington that Oak Island was in the market. I told him that I thought this absurd, that the title stood in the name of Grimm, and that I felt sure that you would know what was going on. He seemed to have been in touch with some Treasury Department official in Newark, N.J., who invited him to submit a bid for the property. This Treasury Department official seemed to have some idea of the acreage and character of the land, and had given him some information as to the date when you purchased the property. He also stated that a private sale might be arranged.

All this was given me more or less confidentially, but I thought you ought to know what is going on. Later I looked up your letters to me in which you state that Oak Island was not involved in your difficulties, and sent you the telegram.

Hamilton's concern, of course, is whether his agreement with you would be affected. He claims he is making progress and does not want to be ousted. He thinks he is on a very insecure ground insofar as his agreement with you is concerned, but I assured him that no court in this country would oust him. I would appreciate any information that you could give me respecting the situation.

Very truly yours,

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