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Mr. R. V. Harris
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Dear Mr. Harris:

I have not heard from you in quite some time but I suppose that your War activities must take all of your time and a little more too. I have been quite busy myself but now that Summer is here I am once again looking forward to a possible visit to Oak Island and everything else up there that I have learned to like so much. I had a visit with Hamilton early this month and learned that he was planning to go to Nova Scotia about the middle or the end of the month. I have heard nothing from him since and do not know whether or not he has left yet. He had some very promising plans of procedure and I think intends to make an "all-out" effort there this season and will very probably abandon further effort unless he meets with some success. His excavations of the tunnels and of the area near the "Sink-Hole Pit" were most interesting last year and I have high hopes of his accomplishing something this year if he has any chance at all. He was a bit worried over his chances of getting power and was even more disturbed at the possibility of a labor shortage but fully intended to go on as far as he could until stopped. If my plans go as I hope they will I expect to come up early in August, probably driving all the way.

My personal situation is gradually working itself out though it has taken a lot longer than any of us anticipated and the only fortunate break so far has been in the fact that I was enabled to retain Oak free and clear. Aside from that rather questionable asset I shall be and am broker than the proverbial pocket with a hole in it. The hole in this case being legal fees and the running expenses of a family of the size of mine, which mounting cost of living has not helped any, though I suppose you must know more about that difficulty than we do. I have been employed as a municipal auditor all of the time with the exception of a short period spent with the British Purchasing Commission in New York and in all that time of a year and a half I have been earnestly searching for the type of employment to which my experience is fitted. The greatest difficulty seems to be that no firm wants or has to take anyone over forty and executive training or ability is still a glut on the market. So many individuals have been thrown out of work here because of the stoppage of normal peace-time businesses that all openings have a waiting line of those desperate for employment of any kind and naturally the employer takes his pick. I do not know what you people have to offer up there but if you know of anything I could do I will be glad to hear of any suggestions when I see you. My experience in the ~~xxx~~ steel business, which led to your suggestion when I wrote before, is so far back that I am afraid it might be useless. I have had considerable managerial and accounting experience both in my own business and under others. I am quite adaptable and very willing to work long and hard. The family situation need not offer any difficulty. This is just a suggestion and I will appreciate any thought you may give it favorably or otherwise. If you hear from ~~Bairr~~ you might say that I hope to see him sometime in August though just when I do not yet know. Best regards to yourself and the family.

Sincerely *Gilbert D. Hedden*
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