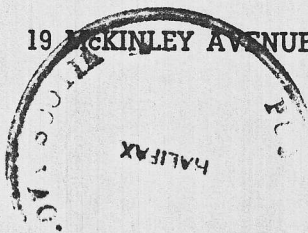


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August 27th 1940

Mr. R. V. Harris  
Court House  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Harris: /

As a part settlement of the claim against me I offered some time ago to deed Oak Island to the government for whatever value they chose to put on it, subject to all leases and contracts now in existence. They paid no particular attention to the offer feeling the value to be too small to be of any consequence, particularly as there is a lien against the property to cover the expense of the work done by Grimm for Lum Tambllyn and Fairlie. I had not known of Hamilton's interest before now but recieved a wire from him with your letter in which he suggested he desired to make an offer. Will you contact him and ascertain just how much he is prepared to offer and advise me as soon as possible so that I may submit it in my negotiations with the government.

Sincerely /

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gilbert D. Hedden".

Gilbert D. Hedden