

Dan blankenship - may 26/76

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(out working in his garden on Oak Island with Joanie and David)

Comments:

Dan went to Haiti in 1970 to look for Lochard's communal bank. This was before he actually met Lochard who is now living under an assumed name in New York. When Dan got to Haiti the government was suspicious. Searched his baggage and asked a lot of questions about the purpose of his trip. Dan said he was "looking for some archeological sites."

A person whose name Lochard had given him in Haiti sent Dan to the ~~northwest~~ northwest end of Haiti to find the communal bank site. He purposely sent him to the wrong place (Dan found out later it was on the south side of the island. He stayed a few more days but couldn't find the site.

Lochard later told Dan and Tobias that he and his partner (a private pilot) had taken \$50,000 in Spanish coins out of the Haitian communal bank. But Lochard was very secretive about its location. The pilot (a fat Frenchman) drew the sketch for Triton (the one I have showing what the bank looked like). Dan says Lochard is terrified by the Haitian government and is wanted by the local police there.

Dan says Fred Nolan has some of Harris' Oak Island documents; got them before the rest were sent to the archives.

Furieux's theory "is one of the stupidest I've ever heard" re British cache. It couldn't have been done while there were people living in Chester.

Peter Beamish swiped an old anchor that he (Beamish) found on the west end of the island near where Dan's home is now. Dan's house is near the foundation of the old Graves home on the island.

Hedden sent about three or four boxes of his old papers to Nova Scotia about 1967. Sent them to the Nova Scotia museum. But they never got there and Dan spent a long time trying to trace them. They appear to have been lost somewhere. Dan says Hedden told him this in 1969. (n.b. Mrs. Hedden told me she sent a box of Gil's Oak Island stuff to M.R. after Gil died in Sept. 1974