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Coconut Fibre

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Dear Dr. Friedlander:

Referring to our telephone conversation I am interested in learning whether you have facilities at Dalhousie University for carbon dating tests. I have been for many years interested in Oak Island and wrote a book entitled The Oak Island Mystery. The first edition is completely sold out and I am considering writing a second edition of the book.

At Oak Island there are huge quantities of coconut fibre buried below the surface of the shore in what is called Smith's Cove. The layer is approximately two feet thick and is covered by a deep layer of stone also about two feet thick. This fibre stretches for a length of 145 ft. around the shore of the cove.

In addition to finding the coconut fibre along the edge of the cove, there were smaller quantities found in excavating the so-called Money Pit; in which ten platforms of logs were found between the surface and a depth of 100 ft. On several of these platforms there was a quantity of coconut fibre. My assumption is that the fibre has been there at least for two hundred fifty years and it is presumed that it came from the West Indies.

What I should like to know is whether you have facilities for determining the age of this coconut fibre and the cost of experimenting with it. I should appreciate hearing from you at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

Reginald V. Harris.

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