

Analysis of Artifacts

Item # 160

Offshore dumps of "Originators' Tailings"

WHO FOUND	Dan Blankenship
WHEN FOUND	1972
WHERE FOUND	Offshore Oak Island at locations known to Dan Blankenship
FIRSTHAND/ SECONDHAND	
REFERENCES	Letter to David Tobias from Dan Blankenship dated November 27, 1972
LOCATION TODAY	
ODDITY FACTOR	
ASSESSMENT OF AUTHENTICITY	
COMMENTS	If tailings were from "below bedrock" environment wouldn't they be of limestone/gypsum/anhydrite and wouldn't they lose any sharp edges fairly quickly?

November 27, 1972

Mr. David Tobias
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St. Hubert, P. Q.

Dear David:

Enclosed find two types of photos. One of poloroid and the other, enlargements of 35 mm complete with the negatives. Below follows a brief description of each with numbers on back for referance. In cases where photos have been marked for clarity, duplicates are included with the same numbers.

35 M.M.

#1 & 2

Dan Henskee, our watchman, in 12 ft. row boat which Gerald Dorey and Dan built in spare time. Cost of material approx. \$150.00 which Dan Henskee paid for. He is using one of two view boxes which I made. View boxes are approx 16" square with 1/4" plate glass in bottom. These view boxes are excellent for looking at the rock formations and have been used several times this past summer. At least 3 dumping areas have been found where the original people dumped their excavated material. Many of the stones have been broken.

#3 A piston type bailer with a positive siphon action used in hole 10-X Bottom flapper valve is 1-2" steel on 1/2" thick rubber hinge. Piston inside is concave shape and attached to sliding hoisting handle to attain suction action. Stones as big as 8 X 10" have been brought up. Size of bailer 16" dia. X 48" high.

#4 Gasoline driven hoist used for cleaning out bottom of 10-X and for lowering and raising diver. Circled in red is top of 10-X with safety seat used for lowering and raising diver.

#5 Some of the rocks brought up from 10-X

#6 Coiled up in a figure eight, to minimize kinking is our diving hose. Hose is 1/2" inside dia. and 1" outside dia. hydraulic type made of neoprene with outside woven layer of steel wire covered with neoprene to reduce danger of kinking. Rated at 5000 P.S.I. bursting pressure, and is in one continuous length of 300 ft. A 3-8" nylon safety line is taped to airhose as well as two separate telephone systems. Marked tape is wrapped every 10 ft. for quick reading as to depth.

Lying in front of air hose is two 12 volt lights made up for underwater