

9th March, 1965.

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Dear Dr. Rafter,

By my letter of 11/12/64 I noted that site 9 is on a sand dune. The age seems very young. Recently I happened to be near there so I obtained another sample of charcoal 9B. It was taken in the shell complex two inches above the sand/shell interface and five feet below the surface. The contamination with sand should be negligible.

By sea parcel post I am sending 8.1 grams of charcoal and 77 grams of sand secured just below the sand/shell interface. I would be much obliged if you can provide a date for sample 9B and examine the sand for possible radioactivity. A date considerably older than 350 years would confirm that sample 9A was contaminated by spurious radioactive substances.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Beher

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