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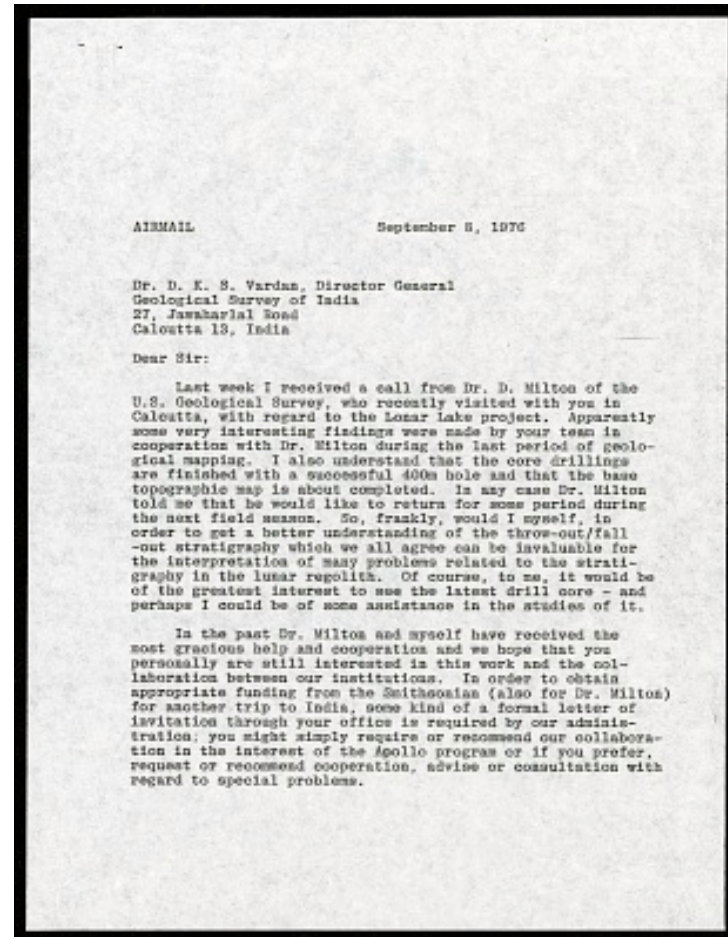
AIRMAIL September 8, 1976

Dr. D. K. S. Vardan, Director General
Geological Survey of India
27, Jawaharlal Road
Calcutta 13, India

Dear Sir:

Last week I received a call from Dr. D. Milton of the U.S. Geological Survey, who recently visited with you in Calcutta, with regard to the Lonar Lake project. Apparently some very interesting findings were made by your team in cooperation with Dr. Milton during the last period of geological mapping. I also understand that the core drillings are finished with a successful 400m hole and that the base topographic map is about completed. In any case Dr. Milton told me that he would like to return for some period during the next field season. So, frankly, would I myself, in order to get a better understanding of the throw-out/fall-out stratigraphy which we all agree can be invaluable for the interpretation of many problems related to the stratigraphy in the lunar regolith. Of course, to me, it would be of the greatest interest to see the latest drill core - and perhaps I could be of some assistance in the studies of it.

In the past Dr. Milton and myself have received the most gracious help and cooperation and we hope that you personally are still interested in this work and the collaboration between our institutions. In order to obtain appropriate funding from the Smithsonian (also for Dr. Milton) for another trip to India, some kind of formal letter of invitation through your office is required by our administration; you might simply require or recommend our collaboration in the interest of the Apollo program or if you prefer, request or recommend cooperation, advise or consultation with regard to special problems.



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