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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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DMEA NO. 4969

Application
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Contract
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- [ ] Terminated - Certified
- [ ] Cancelled
- [ ] Royalty Agreement

The records contained in this file are marked (x) and arranged in this order:

Folder No. 1:

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- [ ] Royalty Audits
- [ ] Certification of Discovery
- [ ] Closing Letter
- [ ] Cost Audits
- [ ] Termination Notice or Agreement
- [ ] Recision Notice
- [ ] Assignment of Contract
- [ ] Contract Amendments
- [ ] Contract with all exhibits and annexes
- [x] Owner's Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement
- [x] Application and attachments

Right Side

- [x] Project summary (final)
- [ ] Work Completed analysis (final)

All other material filed in chronological order including the following reports if checked:

- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
- [ ] Final Field Team Report (Tab)
- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
- [ ] Interim Field Team Reports
- [ ] Operator's monthly reports and all attachments
- [x] On-site Exam Report (Tab)
- [ ] Settlement Sheets
- [ ] Drill Logs

Additional Folders:

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Folders No._____: Reports

- [ ] Analysis of Semi-Annual Inspection Reports
- [ ] Project Summary (Interim) by DMEA Engineers

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- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
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March 24, 1958

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Acting Executive Officer, DMEA - Region V - Knoxville

Subject: Application - H. Lee Medford, Altapass, N.C.
Peters Mine, Monroe County, Georgia

Transmitted are three copies of the subject application, one copy of the property map, a copy of the mining lease and 5 copies of Owner's Consent to Lien.

V. J. Lynch

Form MF-103
Revised Oct. 1957

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.3
Approval expires June 30, 1958

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT

PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER I, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

NAME OF APPLICANT (Full legal name and mailing address as it should appear on contract if one is executed)

H. Lee Medford
Altapass, North Carolina.

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APPLICANT NOT TO USE THIS BLOCK

Docket Number	4969
Date Received	3-26-58
Government Participation %	75
Region	V
Division Code	600

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION (Check one)

- Individual [x]
- Corporation [ ]
- Partnership [ ]
- Other (Specify) [ ]

State in which firm is organized

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

Name	Address	Title

Mineral(s) for which you wish to explore: Mica

Estimated Cost of Project: $ 6,000.00

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Name	Dist.	County	State
Peters Mine, Helen McBee owner	634 G.M.	Monroe	Georgia

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read DMEA Order-I, Revised, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects." To assure prompt action, your application must provide all applicable material and information specified on the back of this application form. Avoid unnecessary correspondence and delays by submitting complete and accurate information. *Please submit four copies of this application and all accompanying papers* except as otherwise noted. Place your name and address on each sheet. Each item of information, maps, and reports required as a part of this application is described on the back of this form. Identify each attached statement by the item number to which it applies. If an item does not apply to your application, show the item number on your statement and after it write "not applicable." Maps or sketches should be used to supplement narrative descriptions of the property location and boundaries in item 1, existing mine workings and geology in item 2, and the proposed exploration project in item 4. When this information is not too complex, all of it may be shown on one map or sketch. All documents and other attachments submitted as a part of this application, except those in item 2(g) which you mark to be returned, become the property of the Government and will not be returned to the applicant. Send true copies, *not originals*, of leases, contracts, and other documents which are an essential part of your business records. *File this application with the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest DMEA Field Office.*

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

March 10, 1958
Dated

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H. Lee Medford
BY *(Signature)*

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Title

A wilfully false statement or certification to any Department or Agency of the United States Government is a criminal offense. U. S. Code, Title 18, Sec. 1001.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. *Applicant's Property Rights:*

(a) State the legal description (section, township, and range; metes and bounds; patent number of claims) of the land upon which you wish to explore and all land adjacent to the proposed project area which you own or control. Describe any part of the project land or workings which should not be subject to Government lien for royalty payments. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state the book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and the place where recorded (courthouse, recorder's office, county, and state).

(b) State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise. If you are not the owner, submit with this application one exact copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property.

(d) Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the property.

2. *Physical Description:*

(a) Describe in detail and illustrate with maps or sketches all mining or exploration operations which you know have been or are being conducted upon the lands, including existing mine workings. Describe all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations stated in 2*(a)*.

(c) State, as far as you know, the past and current production, supporting your statement with copies of settlement sheets, mine records, or published data if available.

(d) Describe known ore reserves on the property giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used, supporting your statement with copies of assay certificates and assay maps if available.

(e) Describe by narrative and maps or sketches the geologic features of the property, including ore minerals, geologic formations if known, and type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.).

(f) State your reasons for expecting to find ore, and if you have sampled the area you propose to explore, show where the samples were taken, describe sampling methods used, and provide copies of assay certificates.

(g) Send with your application at least *two* copies of all geologic or engineering reports, assay maps, or technologic information which you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

3. *Accessibility of Project:*

(a) To aid DMEA representatives who may be required to examine the property, state the name and address of the person who will meet the DMEA representative; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of the property including the mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and places where employees reside and state the distances between them and the property.

4. *The Exploration Project:*

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration project giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and longitudinal and cross sections as necessary. Show the location of the proposed work as related to geologic features such as veins, ore-bearing beds, contacts of rock formations, etc. Show also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *property boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

(b) If an access road to the project must be built, show the location on the property map and state the length, type, and construction methods proposed.

(c) In the event that an exploration contract with DMEA is executed, how soon will the work start and how many months will be required to complete it? State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

5. *Experience:*

State your operating experience and background with relation to your ability to carry out this exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of Costs:*

Furnish detailed estimates of the costs *for each item of the work proposed in 4(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the project. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be shown separately under category *(a)* below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be given in detail under categories *(b)* through *(g)*.

(a) Independent contracts. State the cost of any proposed independent contract for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in units of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved. Cost estimates should be supported by bids from three contractors if possible. *(Note* – If none of the work is to be contracted, write "none" after this item.)

(b) Personal services. For necessary supervision, engineering and geological services, and labor, include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes, rates of wages, salaries or fees, and periods of employment. State whether these technicians and employees are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies with their cost. Include under this heading power, water, and fuel, and units of equipment and tools costing less than $50 each.

(d) Operating equipment. List items of operating equipment to be used giving specifications and indicating how each item is to be acquired – i.e., rented, purchased, or provided by the applicant. If it is rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If it is to be furnished by the applicant, give its present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of necessary *initial* rehabilitation or repair of existing buildings, fixtures, installations (exclusive of mine workings), and movable operating equipment now owned by the applicant, which will be used on the exploration project.

(f) New buildings, fixtures, installations. Describe each building, fixed improvement, and installation to be purchased, constructed, or installed for the exploration project stating specifications and cost including labor, materials and supervision.

(g) Miscellaneous. For the operating equipment listed in 6*(d)*, describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance expected during project operations. Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 6*(e)*. Show also the costs of analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employees' liability insurance, payroll taxes, and other required costs that do not fall within the previous categories.

Note – No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. *(a)* State whether you are prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation stated in Sec. 7 of DMEA Order–I, Revised.

(b) Explain to what extent you propose to furnish your share of the costs by providing money, by use of equipment owned by you, or otherwise.

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Information Required with Application

I. Property rights:

A. Property leased. (Lease and Consent to Lien enclosed)

II. Physical Description:

A. Map enclosed

B. Lessee

C. No sales made, but about 500 lbs of Mica produced in exploring with bulldozer

III. Accessibility:

A. H. Lee Medford will meet DMEA representatives at their convenience

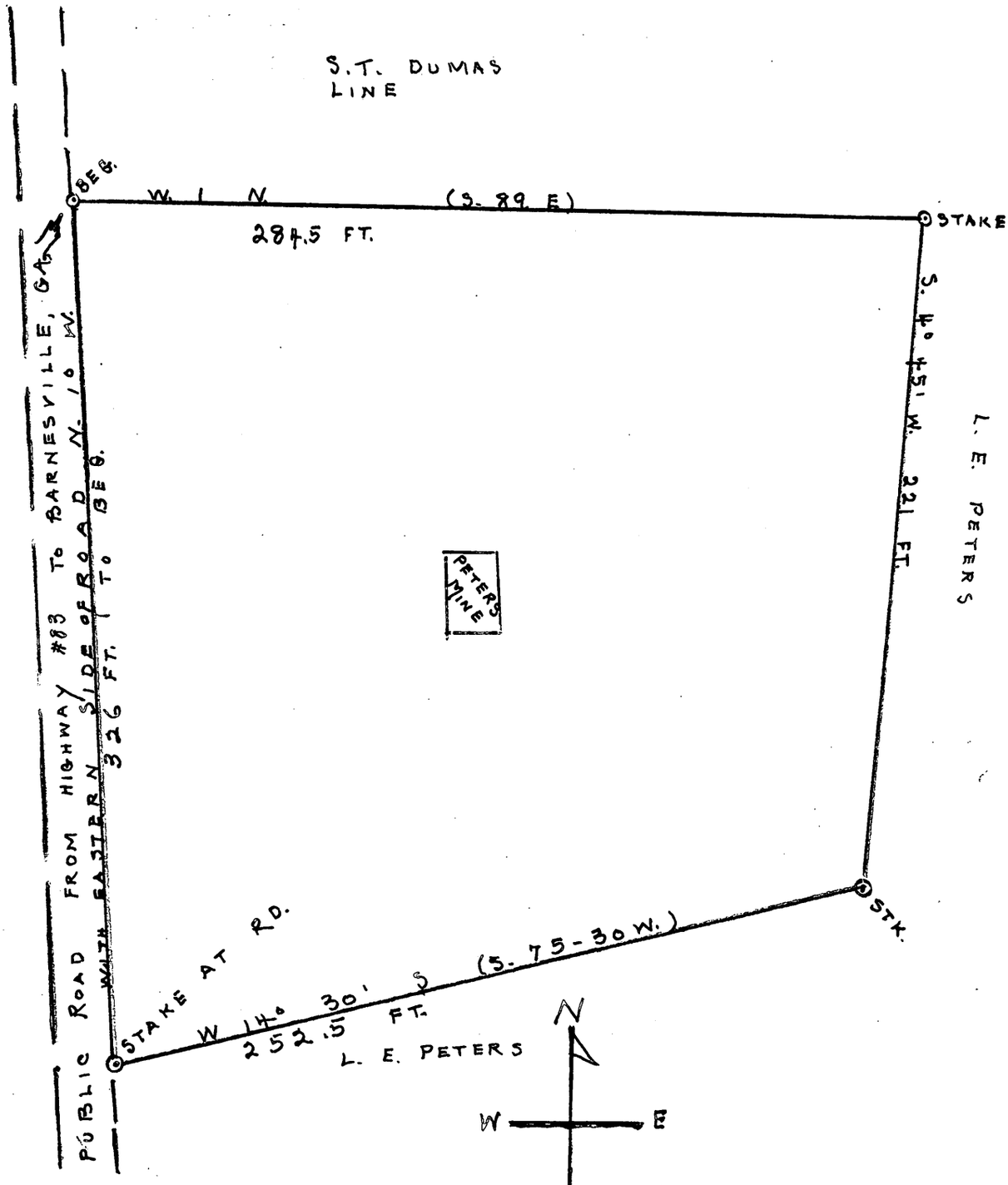
IV. Exploration Project:

A. Map enclosed

V. Experience in Mining: 30 years

VI. Estimate of Costs: $6000.00

VII. Mining Equipment Owned by Applicant



SCALE: 1 INCH = 50 FT.

PETERS MINE

MONROE COUNTY, GEORGIA.

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STATE OF GEORGIA,

COUNTY OF MONROE.

THIS AGREEMENT OF LEASE, Made and entered into by and between Helen McBee, a single woman, of the County of Mitchell and State of North Carolina, sometimes hereinafter referred to as Lessor, and H. Lee Medford, of the County of Mitchell and State of North Carolina, sometimes hereinafter referred to as Lessee;

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR paid by Lessee to Lessor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Lessee hereby leases for mining purposes the hereinafter described premises for a period of five (5) years from this date with the privilege of extending this lease for an additional five (5) years if Lessee shall have complied with the terms and conditions of this lease and shall have paid the royalties due at the termination of this lease.

Lessor hereby conveys to Lessee all of the usual and customary mining privileges for the period or periods above named including the rights of ingress, egress and regress to and from the public road leading by said premises together with the right to erect sheds, cabins, etc., on said premises for mining purposes; to erect and remove at will all kinds of mining machinery together with the right to erect and use electric lines, 'phone lines, pipe lines and the right to do everything convenient and necessary to the successful mining and removal of minerals of every kind from said premises.

Lessee agrees to mine said premises in a workmanlike manner and at the termination of this lease or any renewal thereof, to leave any mines, pits or cuts open and reasonably clean, slides and

cave-ins excepted, at the termination thereof and agrees to pay as a royalty or rental therefor 10% of the selling price of all mica of every kind and description mined, removed and marketed by him from the herein described premises and fifty cents (.50¢) per long ton of 2240 pounds for feldspar mined, removed and marketed by him from said premises and a reasonable royalty for any other minerals encountered by him in said mining operation herein contemplated and which can be saved and marketed at a profit to him. (Lessee to be the sole judge of whether other minerals would be profitable.)

Lessee agrees to pay to John C. McBee, as Trustee for Lessor, the royalties herein provided for by the 15th of each succeeding month for all minerals mined, removed and marketed by him during the preceding month and agrees to furnish to said John C. McBee, as Trustee, true and correct copies of bills of sale for minerals so sold.

The herein leased premises being owned by Lessor in fee and described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land in 634 G.M. District and in Cox Militia District, Monroe County, State of Georgia, containing one and seventy-four hundredths (1.74) acres and bounded as follows, viz:

> North by lands of S. T. Dumas, (formerly C. M. Dumas); East and South by lands of L. E. Peters; and West by lands known as J. M. Holt Estate divided from the lands herein conveyed by a public road leading from Barnesville, Ga., via Mt. Pleasant Church to paved Highway No. 83, at or near A. C. Jackson place in Monroe County, Ga. Said tract or parcel of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
>
> BEGINNING at a point on the public road leading from Highway No. 83 to Barnesville, Ga., the same being the northwest corner of the land of L. E. Peters and being a common corner between L. E. Peters and S. T. Dumas, and running with L. E. Peters North line and S. T. Dumas South line, west 1 degree north (south 89 degrees east) with said dividing line 284.5 feet to a stake in said dividing line; thence leaving said dividing line south 4 degrees 45 minutes west 221 feet to a stake; thence west 14 degrees 30 minutes south (south 75 degrees 30' west) 252.5 feet to a stake at the road above referred to; thence with the eastern side of said road north 1 degree west 326 feet to the beginning, containing one and seventy-four hundredths (1.74) acres.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, all parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals on the day and year first hereinabove

written. This 10th day of March, 1958.

WITNESSES:

Helen McBee (SEAL)
Helen McBee, Lessor.

J C McBee Jr

Nee Bradshaw
Notary Public Mitchell County
North Carolina

My commission expires
10-29-59.

H. Lee Medford (SEAL)
H. Lee Medford, Lessee.

WITNESSES:

J C McBee Jr

Nee Bradshaw
Notary Public Mitchell County
North Carolina

My commission expires:
10-29-59

L E A S E

Helen McBee

To

H. Lee Medford

McBEE & McBEE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SPRUCE PINE, N. C.

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JUN 20 1958

Hon. John G. McBee
N. C. State Senate
Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4969-Mica
H. Lee Medford
Peters Mine
Monroe County, Georgia

Dear Senator McBee:

Reference is made to your letter of June 17, 1958, requesting that the denied application be reopened. Thank you for the copy of the record of mica sales, by Lewie Aldridge, from the Peters Mine.

Ordinarily when an Applicant makes a request for reconsideration we stipulate that if he does additional work on the property of sufficient scope to obtain more favorable information, then we may reopen the case. However, there is insufficient time for him to do the work, have the property re-examined, and have the application processed to completion before June 30, 1958, the date the DMEA Program terminates. There is legislation pending in Congress for a modified type of exploration program. Should Mr. Medford wish to receive consideration under the new program, if enacted, he may do so under the new rules and regulations by making a new application.

A copy of our press release of June 6, 1958, is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw)

Administrator

Enclosure

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Copy to: Admr. R. File
Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Field Team, Region V
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JOHN C. McBEE
N. C. STATE SENATE, 30TH DISTRICT
AVERY, MITCHELL, MADISON, YANCEY COUNTIES

OFFICE PHONE POPLAR 5-2591
SPRUCE PINE, N. C.

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BAKERSVILLE, N. C.

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June 17, 1958

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United States
Department Of The Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Attn: Hon. C. O. Mittendorf, Admr.,
Washington 25, D. C. 600

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4969-Mica
H. Lee Medford
Peters Mine
Monroe County, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Mr. H. Lee Medford of Altapass, N. C., has just handed me your letter of June 12, 1958, directed to him concerning the above captioned matter and has asked me to obtain a statement of the production of the Peters Mine while it was owned by Mr. Lewie Aldridge.

I was surprised that request for loan had been denied until Mr. Medford explained to me that the mud accumulated in the bottom of the mine, which has no natural drainage, and which was washed in by the recent very heavy rains, had not been removed prior to the inspection by your representatives and I wish to say very frankly that I think your representatives were correct in not reporting favorably upon it under the circumstances.

I bought this mine and there was a comparatively small opening or shaft and I was present when the opening was bulldozed down to the mica. We were not prepared to handle the water and we took out quite a bit of real good mica, but the water in the bottom of the shaft was so strong that we could not proceed further with bulldozing and had no pump and I was very much surprised at the amount of mica which had been taken from so small an opening.

I am writing this to respectfully request that the matter be re-opened and the application held in abeyance until Mr. Medford can clean the bottom of the shaft out and have the water pumped out and that you have your representatives make another inspection before finally denying the loan.

JOHN C. McBEE
N. C. STATE SENATE, 30TH DISTRICT
AVERY, MITCHELL, MADISON, YANCEY COUNTIES

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BAKERSVILLE, N. C.

Mr. Medford is a good miner and he is very honorable, truthful and conscientious and would not knowingly make a misleading statement. He is now gone to Georgia and I am keeping a copy of the statement of amount of mica mined by Mr. Aldridge for him and I feel sure that if you will reopen this case and treat the matter as if no denial of the loan had been made, he will clean out the mine and your representatives can then have an opportunity to see it as it really is.

If Mr. Medford needs assistance in getting this mine ready for another inspection, I shall be glad to lend any assistance that I can to him in cleaning it out.

I wish it distinctly understood that neither Mr. Medford nor I are in any way disgruntled or dissatisfied with the report of your representatives and I am sure that Mr. Medford and I hold your representatives in high regard and we both feel that your representatives discharged their duty in connection with this mine just as they should have and we shall retain the same high regard for them whether the matter is reopened or not.

The statement from the Peters Mine was obtained by Mr. Aldridge for me from the U. S. Mica Depot here in Spruce Pine and, as yourare probably aware, Mr. Aldridge is at the head of the local mica minera association here.

I am sending our Congressman, Hon. Charles R. Jonas, a copy of this letter with the request that he give you his opinion of the moral and ethical standards in this community of Mr. H. Lee Medford, Mr. Lewie Aldridge and myself.

Trusting that I may have an early and favorable reply from you, I am

Yours very truly,

John C. McBee

JCM:nb

cc: Hon. Chas. R. Jonas, M.C.
Washington, D. C.
Mr. Lewie Aldridge
Spruce Pine, N. C.
Mr. H. Lee Medford
Altapass, N. C.

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PETERS MINE

LOT NUMBER	DATE	PURCHASE	PERCENT OF GOOD STAIN
65	8-8-52	933.74	26.50
90	8-15-52	513.10	30.00
104	8-25-58	1330.17	69.00
159	9-17-52	587.38	50.30
241	10-20-52	742.26	60.00
303	11-7-52	825.62	70.11
707	1-9-56	438.59	22.52
720	1-11-56	342.26	21.80
		$5713.12	

This is the copy of the mica sold from the Peters Mine, Forsythe, Ga. to GSA, Mica Depot, Spruce Pine, N. C. by Lewie Aldridge, Spruce Pine, N.C.

Lewie Aldridge

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March 1958

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

MEMORANDUM OF CONGRESSIONAL CALL

TO: Director, Division of Legislation (DL)

FROM: Administrator, DMEA _____ June 19, 1958
Signature Date

Call from Miss Mallison, Secretary to Representative Charles R. Jonas Date of call June 19, 1958 Time 12:10

State below subject of call and conclusions or action taken.

Miss Mallison, Code 180, X-3476, Secretary to Representative Charles R. Jonas, called on Docket No. DMEA-4969 with regard to a letter written by Mr. John C. McBee to Mr. C. O. Mittendorf a copy of which was sent to Representative Charles R. Jonas.

Miss Mallison asked if we were going to reopen the case and give it favorable consideration. I stated that we did not ordinarily reopen a case for a third party ~~but~~ Mr. Medford should request the reconsideration. I told her that ordinarily when an applicant does additional work on the property of sufficient scope to obtain favorable information we would reopen the case but inasmuch as the DMEA authority to authorize funds terminates on June 30th there would not be sufficient time for the Applicant to clean out the pit, the field team to examine it, write their report, send it to Washington, and have it processed here prior to June 30th.

She asked for a copy of our letter to Mr. McBee. I stated I would send her one.

Lawrence G. Houk, Director
Division of Nonmetallic Minerals

_____ June 19, 1958
Call received by Date

Prepare in duplicate when call is received. Send both copies to Administrator who will send original to DL and copy to DMEA Central Files. If call pertains to application or contract, copy will be recorded and filed in official docket.

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June 10, 1958

Memorandum

To: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator

From: Lawrence G. Houk, Director, Division of Nonmetallic Minerals

Subject: Evaluation of application and field examination report.
Docket No. DMEA-4969-Mica
H. Lee Medford
Peters Mine
Monroe County, Georgia

Denial of application is recommended.

Mica: Furcron and Teague in Bulletin No. 48 of the State of Georgia Geological Survey, report that books of "A", flat, rum colored and biotite occur along mine openings. Fragments of flat rum-colored mica, found in the dump, are of good quality. Professional paper 248-F, U.S. Geological Survey reports ..."The occurence of flat-A in large sized books and that little sheet mica was recovered from the mined books."... The examining engineers in their report cite the above information and base their recommendation on "reported" production, presumably by the applicant.

Pegmatite: Two to fifteen feet thick and about 120 feet long, deeply weathered, discordant to the foliation of the mica gneiss country rock. Along hanging wall, pegmatite is composed of medium-to-coarse-grained plagioclase, quartz, and muscovite, feldspar weathered to clay with abundant manganese staining. The footwall, mostly concealed by mud and slump, but reported to be composed of chiefly coarse-grained perthite.

Old Workings: Several shallow shafts and an open cut 160 feet long, 30 feet wide and about 25 feet deep.

Past Production: Up to 1953 unknown, but at that time $3,100 worth of mica was reported to have been recovered in open cut operations. During 1958, the applicant, while cleaning out the bottom of the cut, recovered about 500 pounds of mine-run mica.

Applicant's Proposal: No method of exploration presented, but applicant requests $6000 Government assistance.

Comments: The open cut work reveals that for 1585 tons of pegmatite removed, $3250 worth of mica was recovered, amounting to plus or minus $2.00 per ton. The strategic value of this mica is questionable according to available reports. The above two cited professional publications indicate that the proposed shaft may have to be driven through old workings before encountering virgin ground.

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The Field Team's map shows that the pegmatite pinches out laterally in both directions.

Recommendations: The Field Team recommended a contract in their original report, but recognized that the limited exposures presented an element of uncertanity, and that additional land along the strike to the southeast should be acquired to justify a contract. In a supplementary report, the Field Team stated this was not a strong recommendation, and that if we believed the evidence presented did not support their recommendation, a denial would be in order without further delay. Accordingly, the Division of Nonmetallic Minerals is recommending denial of the subject application. The Commodity Members of the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey went along with the Field Team in their original recommendation for ~~denial~~. approval.

Resume: Recommendation for denial by the Division of Nonmetallic Minerals based on following:

1. "A" structure in larger mica books.

2. Small production per ton mined.

3. Limited favorable ground.

4. Target potential does not justify exploration costs.

Walter C. Anderson
Walter C. Anderson
Division of Nonmetallic Minerals

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Mr. H. Lee Medford

Altapass, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4969-Mica
H. Lee Medford
Peters Mine
Monroe County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Medford:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other reports available to us in Washington relating to the subject property have been reviewed.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding materials of acceptable grade in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for the National Defense Program.

Careful study of all our information indicates to us that the probability of disclosing significant reserves of mica is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you, that under these circumstances, your application for exploration assistance is denied.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the Defense Minerals Program and for bringing your property to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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Copy to: Admr. R. File
Operating Committee
Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Field Team, Region V
Mr. Houk

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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA, Washington, D. C.

From: Field Team, DMEA, Region V, Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4969 (Mica)
H. Lee Medford, Altapass, North Carolina
Peters Mine, Monroe County, Georgia

Reference is made to your letter of June 3:

As we tried to point out in our transmittal letter of May 16, the report contained all the available data and we have nothing to add. It was stated that the Peters mine appeared to be favorable to the three geologists and one engineer who were present, but that it is impossible to support it with statistical date. If the report does not provide enough evidence for approval, then the application should be denied.

To answer your specific questions:

(1) We saw no reason to believe that old workings lie beneath the present open cut. There is an old filled shaft (probably the one worked by M. S. Black), in the west wall of the cut, and the floor of the cut was well below this shaft.

(2) The report states (top of page 3) that the pegmatite appears to plunge to the south. For that reason it is not exposed at the surface, and stripping that much saprolite overburden would have been prohibitively expensive.

(3) As all the mica seems to have come from a zone adjacent to the quartz core, it is to be expected that exploratory workings staying as closely as possible on that zone would give a higher yield of mica per ton of rock moved. Taking the percentage, or value, of mica per ton of rock excavated from the entire pitt does not seem to us to give a true picture, as there is no contention that the entire

pegmatite (not to say some of the wall rock) contains salable mica.

As we stated before, and as Mr. Laurence explained to Mr. Houk on the telephone two or three weeks ago, we do not consider this to be a strong recommendation; we do think however that a limited amount of work, to establish whether or not there is an economic concentration of mica along the margins of the quartz core, plunging toward the south, is justified. But if the evidence presented to date does not, in your opinion, support that recommendation, then it should be denied without further delay. Additional supporting information could be obtained only by either deepening the existing bulldozer cut, or sinking along the core margin.

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer

V. J. Lynch

V. J. Lynch, Member
Bureau of Mines

Mr. Selfridge -

"A" structure in larger books - small production per ton mined, and limited favorable ground outweigh favorable features. Target potential does not justify exploration costs.

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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region V
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

JUN 3 1958

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4969-Mica
H. Lee Medford
Peters Mine
Monroe County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Laurence:

We do not think that the field examination report supports the recommendations for a contract at this mine for the following reasons:

1. A study of USGS P.P. 248-F and Georgia Survey Bulletin No. 48, indicates that old workings may exist below the pit level and the proposed shaft recommended by the Field Team may pass through these workings.

2. The Field Team's map indicates that the pegmatite is pinching laterally, and since we have no evidence that it opens up along its projected strike to the southeast, the exposed pegmatite area may be its strike limits. It seems reasonable to assume that if there were evidence of more pegmatite southeast of the pit, that Mr. Aldridge would have striped the area and mined some of the pegmatite when his tractor was at the property.

3. The production record indicates that the value of mica recovered per ton of pegmatite mined from the pit was low, and also the chances are poor that there exists and will be mined from the property, double or triple the quantity of pegmatite already mined, ($7,000 to $15,000 worth of mica).

Unless additional information can be furnished that will justify the work you have recommended, we see no alternative but to deny the project. We will await your reply before taking formal action to deny the application.

Approved:

Noted by Frank D. Lamb (GCS)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Noted by Thor H. Kiilsgaard (GCS)
Member, Geological Survey

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

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Copy to: Admr. R. File Mr. Dietrich, 3061
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UNITED STATES
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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA, Washington

From: DMEA Field Team, Region V, Knoxville

Subject: Field Examination Report, DMEA-4969 (Mica)
H. Lee Medford, Altapass, North Carolina
Peters Mine, Monroe County, Georgia

Enclosed are the original and two copies of the subject examination report. Extra copies of the geologic map are not included because the Applicant's property map would be more suitable for use in a contract, if approved.

The deep bulldozer cut in saprolite affords almost no opportunity for measured statistical data on this pegmatite, and production records are inadequate to provide any statistical approach to the mica content of the favorable zones. Nevertheless, the apparent zoning with a strong quartz core and the reported size and quality of the mica recovered in recent operations make this seem a better-than-average target for a limited amount of exploratory work. Therefore, we are in agreement with the examiners' recommendation for approval. It is recognized that projects based on limited exposures contain an additional element of uncertainty, but in the deeply weathered Piedmont it is very unusual to have good exposures in the examination stage.

If a contract is approved, the Applicant should be requested to obtain additional land along the strike of the pegmatite to the southeast.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
5-23-58
(date)

Wm. A. Beck
Wm. A. Beck, for
V. J. Lynch, Member

Enclosures

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FIELD EXAMINATION REPORT, REGION V

DMEA-4969 (Mica), PETERS MINE
Monroe County, Georgia

F. G. Lesure, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

S. A. Feitler, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

May 15, 1958

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
5-23-58
(date)

FIELD EXAMINATION REPORT

DMEA-4969 (Mica), PETERS MINE
Monroe County, Georgia

Applicant: H. Lee Medford
Altapass, North Carolina

SUMMARY

A pegmatite body 120 feet long and 15 feet wide with a massive quartz core near the south end is exposed in a single cut at the Peters Mine. Books of muscovite up to 16" in diameter and of good quality are reported to have been recovered. Mica worth $3,100 is reported to have been produced from the cut and the Applicant states he recovered 500 lbs. of mica while cleaning out the cut. We recommend that exploration assistance be granted.

INTRODUCTION

Location

The Peters Mine is 7¼ miles southwest of Forsyth, Monroe County, Georgia (U. S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper 248-F, p. 370 and loc. 84 pl. 27). The mine can be reached by car from Forsyth by going west to the intersection of U. S. 41 and Ga. 83 and then going 7.5 miles south on Ga. 83. Turn right on a dirt road and go 0.5 mile. The mine is in a gently sloping field about 200 feet east of the dirt road.

Examination

The examination of the Peters Mine was made on April 24, 1958, and lasted 2 hours. The examiners were accompanied by Messrs. H. Lee Medford and Howard Boone, Dr. A. S. Furcron, Chief Geologist, Georgia Geological Survey, and Mr. R. A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V.

Previous Operations

The Peters Mine was first opened in 1919 by William Miller (U. S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper 248-F, p. 370; Georgia Geol. Survey Bull. 48, p. 64). Several shallow shafts were put down at that time and some work was done later by M. S. Black in 1942. The quantity of mica produced up to 1953 is unknown but in that year Lewie Aldridge bulldozed the present open cut about 160 feet long, 30 feet wide, and about 25 feet deep, removing most of the former workings. He is reported to have recovered about $3,100 worth of mica. The Applicant cleaned the bottom of the cut in 1958 and recovered about 500 pounds of mine run muscovite.

At the time of the examination there was a hoist and compressor on the property but no buildings.

Water for drilling will have to be hauled to the mine. Electric power is available nearby.

The Applicant pointed out to the examiners the southeast corner of the property, an old buggy spring driven into the ground.

GEOLOGY

A deeply weathered pegmatite dike about 120 feet long and 2 to 15 feet wide is poorly exposed in the cut at the Peters Mine. Near the south end the lens strikes generally N. 20° W. but swings to a more northern strike at the north end. The eastern wall is about vertical; the western wall at the south end dips steeply to the west. The trend of the body is discordant to the foliation of the mica gneiss country rock. Slumping along the walls of the cut and mud washed in

by recent rains conceal most of the pegmatite contacts. No definite evidence of plunge was seen but there is a suggestion of a gentle southern plunge where the pegmatite thins at the south end and passes under the gneiss at the top of the cut.

Along the hanging wall or west wall, the pegmatite is composed of medium- to coarse-grained plagioclase, quartz, and muscovite. The feldspar is weathered to clay and there is abundant manganese staining. A prominent quartz core up to 5 feet thick is present in the southern half of the pegmatite and large blocks of quartz are in the dump material. The east, or footwall, is mostly concealed by mud and slump but is reported to be chiefly coarse-grained perthite (U. S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper 248-F, p. 370).

Books of flat "A" muscovite up to 16" in diameter are reported to have been recovered in the past operations (U. S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper 248-F, p. 370; Georgia Geol. Survey, Bull. 48, p. 64). No muscovite of strategic quality or size was observed in place but the massive pieces of quartz on the dump have impressions of mica books up to 8" in diameter. The mica is reported to be of good quality. The Applicant states that mica along the footwall of the quartz core is generally "A" and that along the hanging wall is flat and of better quality.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND DISCUSSION

We recommend that exploration assistance be granted. Although much of the pegmatite is concealed by mud and slump, the strong quartz

core, the impressions of large books of mica in the quartz, the past descriptions, and production from the open cut suggest that this pegmatite is a good geologic target. The amount of land covered in the application is not large enough to justify an exploration project but the Applicant reported that he can obtain additional property to the south in the direction of the possible plunge. We recommend sinking 60 feet of shaft and drifting or crosscutting 100 feet.

F. G. Lesure, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

S. A. Feitler, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

DMEA-4967 (Mica), PETERS MINE
Monroe County, Georgia

Cost Estimates

Construct:

Toolhouse	$ 75.00	
Powder magazine	25.00	
Cap magazine	15.00	
Total construction		$ 115.00

Sink 60 feet of 5 x 7 foot, two compartment shaft on the hanging wall of the quartz core. (40 Shifts)

Depreciation on equipment:

Gardner-Denver 105 compressor	$3,600.00	
Jack hammer	400.00	
Jack leg	225.00	
Hose--air & water	150.00	
Hoist & rope	500.00	
Pump	350.00	
Discharge hose	100.00	
Total value of equipment	$5,325.00	
Depreciation 2 mos. @ $88.75/mo.		$ 177.50

Labor:

1 Foreman-miner	$14/shift	
1 Hoistman	12/shift	
1 Laborer	8/shift	
Total labor--40 shifts @	$34.00	1,360.00

Supplies, tax, & insurance:

Gasoline and oil	$ 135.00	
Explosives	210.00	
Drill steel	108.00	
Timber 3,000 B.F.	195.00	
Small tools & misc.	150.00	
Sales tax	24.00	
Soc. sec. & insurance	163.00	
Total supplies, etc.		$ 985.00
Total estimated cost of shaft		$2,522.50

Est. cost/foot of shaft $42.04.

Drift and/or crosscut 100 feet 5 x7 feet in cross section from or near the bottom of the shaft. (50 shifts)

Depreciation on equipment:

Depreciation 2½ mos. @ $88.75/mo.		$ 221.88

Labor:

1 Foreman-miner	$14/shift	
1 Hoistman	12/shift	
1 Laborer	8/shift	
Per 8-hr. shift	$34	
Total labor--50 shifts @	$34.00	1,700.00

Supplies, tax, & insurance:

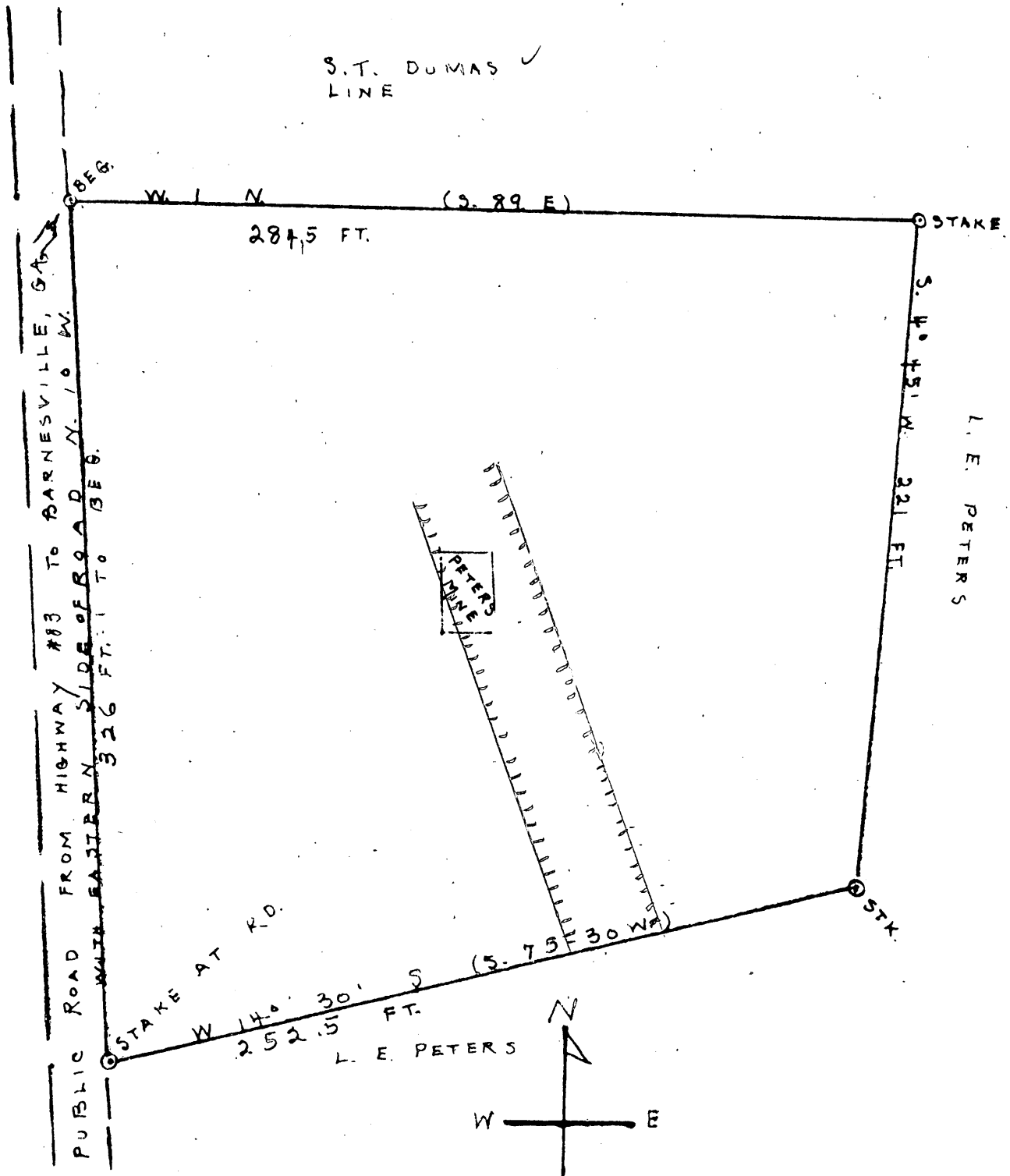
Gasoline & oil	$ 225.00	
Explosives	400.00	
Drill steel	150.00	
Small tools & misc.	250.00	
Sales tax	31.00	
Soc. sec. & insurance	204.00	
Total supplies, etc.		1,260.00
Total estimated cost of drift		$3,181.88

Est. cost/foot of drift $31.82.

Summary of Estimates

Construction	$ 115.00	
Sinking 60 feet	2,522.50	
Drifting 100 feet	3,181.88	
Total estimated cost of project		$5,819.38

Government contribution. . . . $4,364.54



SCALE: 1 INCH = 50 FT.

PETERS MINE

MONROE COUNTY, GEORGIA.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 23, 1958

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA-4969 (mica)

Applicant: H. Lee Medford

Name and Location of Property: Peters Mine, Monroe County, Georgia

Date of Field Team Report: 5/16/58

Date Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Mtls.: 5/22/58

Field Team Recommendation: Recommend DMEA assistance be granted.

Comments:

1. This mine has been explored by a large opencut revealing a pegmatite body 120 feet long and 15 feet wide.

2. It is reported that $3100, worth of strategic mica was recovered from cut in 1954 and applicant states he had recovered 500 pounds of mica while cleaning out cut.

3. Exposures are poor but geologic conditions are favorable to existence of good quality mica.

Recommendation:

I concur with the field team in recommending approval of DMEA assistance.

W. F. Dietrich

W. F. Dietrich

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 23, 1958

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: W. P. Williams, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of field examination report, DMEA 4969 (Mica)
H. Lee Medford, Peters mine, Monroe County, Georgia

The examining team report that geologic conditions on the applicant's property are favorable for the presence of strategic-grade mica deposits.

Favorable features include: 1) the presence of a strong quartz core, 2) zoning of the pegmatite, 3) evidence of large mica books, and 4) past production of good grade mica. U. S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 248-F, p.370, states that crystals of "A" mica as much as 16 in. in diameter were obtained.

The examiners recommend approval of a DMEA contract that would provide for shaft sinking, drifting, and crosscutting. I agree with their recommendations.

W. P. Williams

W. P. Williams

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Mr. H. Lee Medford

Altapass, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4969-Mica
H. Lee Medford
Peters Mine
Monroe County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Medford:

Your application for assistance in exploring the subject property has been reviewed by the Division of Nonmetallic Minerals of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and has been referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, for further consideration and possibly a field examination.

The Regional Office will contact you at an early date if an examination is to be made. Any assistance you may give the members of the Field Team during the examination will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

H. G. Johnson (for)

Administrator

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Mr. H. Lee Medford

Altapass, North Carolina

Through Mr. Robert A. Laurence

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Your application is deficient and you must supply supplementary information to the Field Team ~~at the time of the examination~~ as soon as possible. There should be four copies of the supplementary information. It should give the details of the exploration program which you desire to do at the Peters Mine. You should also reply in detail to Question No. 6, Estimate of Costs, giving detailed estimates of the costs of each item of the work proposed. You should support your statement that 500 pounds of mica was produced by bulldozing by supplying settlement sheets on the sale of this mica. You should give a list of the mining equipment owned by you that is to be used on the project, the age, capacity, fair market value, and condition of the equipment.

Generally, small tracts such as this one of 1.75 acres are not acceptable. However, we will defer the requirement that you obtain at least a ten acre tract and supply a metes and bounds description of the tract until after the field examination has been made.

Sincerely yours,

Administrator

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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region V
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4969-Mica
H. Lee Medford
Peters Mine
Monroe County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please review the subject application and arrange for a field examination if you deem it necessary.

Copies of memoranda dated March 27, 1958, by Mr. N. E. Nelson, USGS, and Mr. W. F. Dietrich, USBM, relating to the project are enclosed. There is also enclosed a copy of the application for the use of the Field Team.

If the Field Team recommendation is affirmative, please ask the Applicant to procure any additional acreage necessary to support a project.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

Approved:

Frank D. Lamb (GCS)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (GCS)
Member, Geological Survey

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Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region V
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

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We have prepared and enclosed a letter to be forwarded to the Operator if you agree.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

Member, Bureau of Mines

Member, Geological Survey

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Mr. Selfridge -

Suggested rewrite type of letters to Laurence and applicant for these two dockets; or send usual referral to field for examination and request necessary changes in land if favorable recommendation.

FEJohnson

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4/2/58

Re: Same

Dear Mr. Medford:

Your application for assistance in exploring the subject property is deficiant in information necessary to determine if a field examination of the property is justified.

Generally, small tracts of land such as the one of 1.75 acres covered by your application are not acceptable. An area of at least ten acres is usually required, therefore, it is suggested that you obtain a lease on a more adequate parcel of land.

Your application states that no sales have been made but that 500 pounds of mica was produced in exploring with bulldozer. Please state what disposal was made of this mica, giving the grade or grades of it and an estimated valuation or offers, if any, for it.

You estimate the cost at $6,000. You should submit a breakdown of this cost showing the type and amount of work, such as bulldozing, shaft sinking, drifting, crosscutting, etc., and the estimated cost for each type of work. The location of this work should also be shown on your map of the property.

You also state that mining equipment is owned by the applicant. You should give a list of the mining equipment owned by you that is to be used on the project, stating the age, capacity, fair market value, and condition of each piece of equipment.

In order to expedite the further processing of your application it is suggested that you send this information in quadruplicate as promptly as possible to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee.

Sincerely yours,

Administrator

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Field Referral - Contract

DMEA-4779
Mica
Region V

ROY GRINDSTAFF AND CLAUDE GREENE, SPRUCE PINE, NORTH CAROLINA. Johnson Mine Property, Mitchell County, North Carolina.

Letter to the Field forwarding a proposed contract, signed by the Acting Administrator, for execution subject to completing Article 1. Two additional copies of Annex I, Exhibit "A," and map were sent to the Field. Two copies each of memoranda dated August 23, 1957, by Donald R. Irving, USBM, and W. P. Williams, USGS, relating to the project were sent to the Field. Approved for referral.

Denials

DMEA-4603
Copper and Tungsten
Region I

GAIL A. MARTIN, ALDERWOOD MANOR, WASHINGTON. The property is located in Lot 4, sec. 2, T. 27 N., R. 9 E., W.M., Snohomish County, Washington.

Letter to the Applicant denying the application.

Two copies each of memoranda dated August 27 and September 3, 1957, by A. D. Mallahan, USBM, and N. E. Nelson, USGS, respectively, relating to the application were sent to the Field.

DMEA-4844
Mica
Region V

ED HUSKINS, SPRUCE PINE, NORTH CAROLINA. Charles Prospect, Mitchell County, North Carolina.

Letter to the Applicant denying the application.

Two copies each of memoranda dated September 4 and 19, 1957, by N. E. Nelson, USGS, and W. F. Dietrich, USBM, respectively, relating to the application were sent to the Field.

Field Reports

DMEA-4807
Lead
Region I

EMER ENDERLIN, STANLEY, IDAHO. Black Rock, et al., Claims, Custer County, Idaho.

Field Examination Report recommending denial on the basis of re-examination of the property. The report was referred to the Commodity Group.

DMEA-4796
Mica
Region V

CLIFTON D. BUCHANAN, SPRUCE PINE, NORTH CAROLINA. Cliff Prospect, Mitchell County, North Carolina.

Field Examination Report recommending denial. The report was referred to the Commodity Group.

DMEA-4809
Mica
Region V

DUNBAR AND LAMB, LIMESTONE, TENNESSEE. The George Ledford Mica Prospect, Mitchell County, North Carolina.

Field Examination Report recommending denial. The

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Re: Same

Dear Mr. Laurence:

The subject application is being referred to you to be held until the information requested in the enclosed copy of our letter to the applicant is received by you. If the information is submitted to you and you determine it satisfactory you may then make a field examination of the property. If you have not received the information requested or a response from the applicant within 30-days from the date of this letter please advise this office.

Copies of memoranda dated March 27, 1958, by Mr. N. E. Nelson, USGS, and Mr. W. F. Dietrich, USBM, relating to the project are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

Chairman, Operating Committee

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Field Referral - Application

DMEA-4819
Mercury
Region II

A. D. DRUMM, JR., FALLON, NEVADA. Van Ness Mine, Nye County, Nevada.

Letter to the Field requesting a field examination of the property and recommendations. Two copies each of memoranda dated September 9 and 12, 1957, by J. W. Pennington, USBM, and N. E. Nelson, USGS, respectively, relating to the application were sent to the Field. One additional copy of the application was also sent to the Field.

Letter to the Applicant.

Field Referrals - Contracts

DMEA-4[illegible] AMERICAN SMELTING & REFINING COMPANY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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March 27, 1958
Re: DMEA 4969
H. Lee Medford
Peters Mine
Monroe County, Georgia
$6,000 - Mica

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of application

The applicant requests assistance in exploring a pegmatite which has been exposed by bulldozing. About 500 pounds of mica was produced by the work. No other information concerning the pegmatite is given.

Referral of the application to the Field Team is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

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March 27, 1958

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA- 4969 (mica)

Applicant: H. Lee Medford

Name and Location of Property: Peters Mine,
Monroe County, Georgia

Date Application Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Materials: 3/26/58

Comments:

1. Applicant requests DMEA assistance in the amount of $6,000 for exploration on prospect from which he states he has recovered $500 worth of mica with bulldozing.

2. No definite exploration plan has been submitted by the applicant.

3. Although it would be desirable for the applicant to furnish more complete information, it appears that a visit by an examiner would furnish more useful data.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the field team visit this mine when in that vicinity to ascertain if an exploration project is justified. If so, the field team and applicant should agree on a definite plan of exploration on a unit-cost basis.

W. F. Dietrich

W. F. Dietrich

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 26, 1958

Mr. H. Lee Medford
Altapass, North Carolina

Subject: DMEA-4969

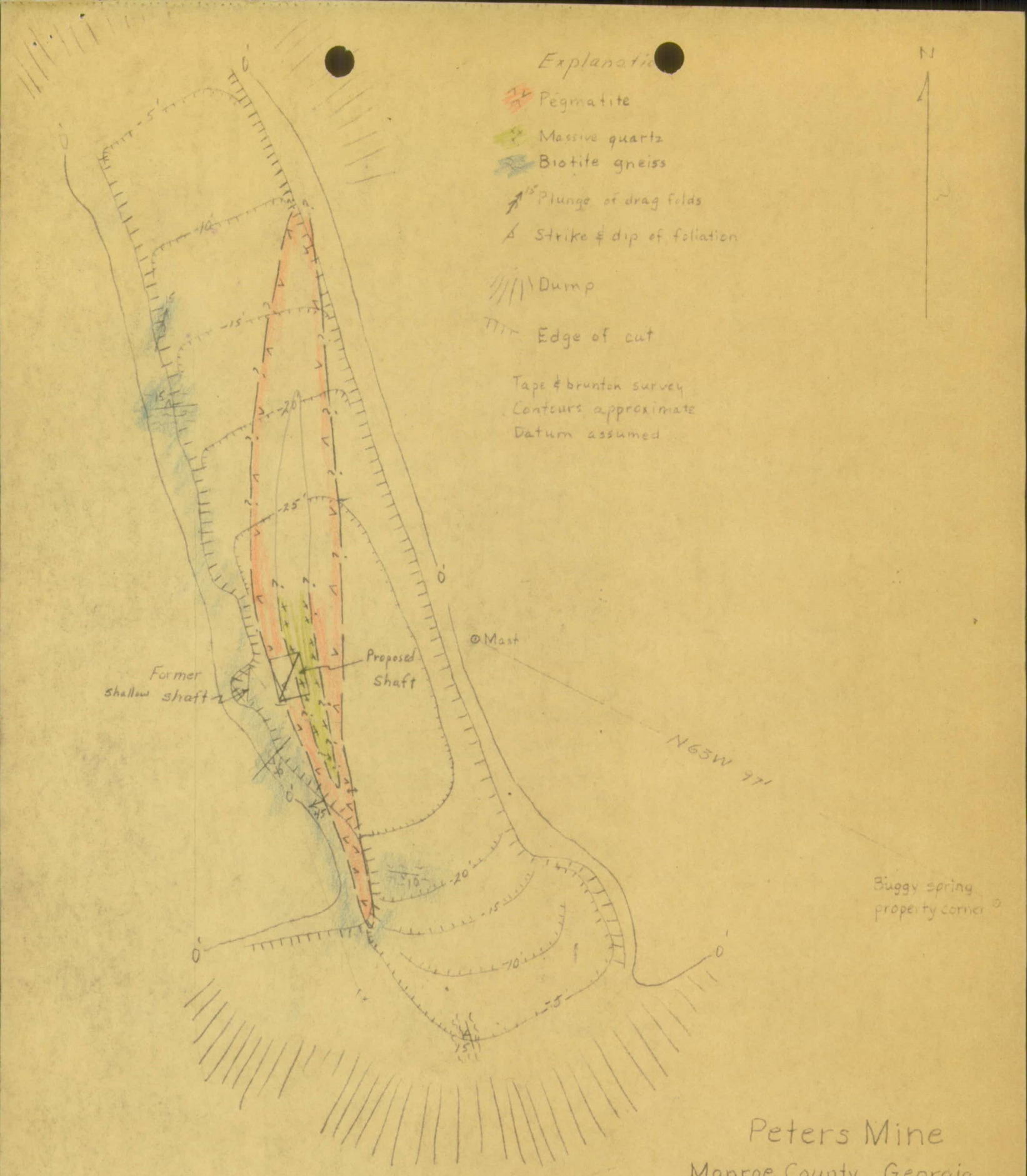
Dear Mr. Medford:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated March 10, 1958 submitted to our office at Knoxville, Tennessee has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4969 and referred to the Non Metallics Minerals Division in the Washington office. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this Docket Number.

Sincerely yours,

Allen S. Dakan, Director
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

Copy to: Region V



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