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UNITED STATES
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- [ ] Denied
- [x] Withdrawn

Contract
- [ ] Terminated - Not Certified
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- [ ] Royalty Agreement

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

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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
- [ ] Owner's Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement
- [x] Application and Attachments

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- [ ] Project Summary (final)
- [ ] Work Completed Analysis (final)

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

- [ ] Field Team Semiannual 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
- [ ] On-site Exam. Report (Tab)
- [ ] Settlement Sheets
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- [ ] Analysis of Semiannual Inspection Reports
- [ ] Project Summary (Interim) by MME Engineers

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- [ ] Field Team Interim Reports
- [ ] Operator's Monthly Reports with Transmittal, Narrative and Maps

Folders No. _____: Maps (Use pocket folder or envelope)

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Memorandum

January 9, 1968

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To: Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration
Washington, D. C.

From: Field Officer
Region II

Subject: New Application (Gold)
Ballard & Meiser
B & M Mine
Talkeetna Recording District, Alaska

Enclosed is an Application for Financial Assistance in a placer-gold exploration project on Busch Creek in the Talkeetna Mountains of Alaska. The information supplied is inadequate to properly appraise the project and none of the Alaskan Branch personnel here in Menlo Park have visited the immediate area of the claims or have knowledge of the applicants. The proposal is for bulldozer trenching and churn drilling for which the applicants wish assistance in the purchase of a bulldozer and other equipment and supplies. A field examination by Bob Chapman, from Fairbanks, or Don Richter, from Anchorage, probably could not be scheduled until the snow is gone next summer thus delaying the transportation of equipment until next winter and the actual work until summer 1969.

This appears to be another project similar to OME-6562, for which we lack facilities and advisory personnel to properly appraise the application or administer a contract if one is warranted.

H. K. Stager

Enclosures

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Budget Bureau No. 42-R1508
Approval expires Dec. 31, 1968

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UNITED STATES
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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MINERALS EXPLORATION

Pursuant to Public Law 85–701 (72 Stat. 700; 30 U.S.C. 641)

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

Fred Ballard + Melville P. Meiser
Box 4-524
Spenard Alaska 99503

APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK

DOCKET NUMBER: 6685

DATE RECEIVED: 1-12-68

REGION: II

DIVISION CODE:

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*

- INDIVIDUAL [ ]
- CORPORATION [ ]
- PARTNERSHIP [X]
- OTHER *(Specify)* [ ]

STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED: Alaska

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE

MINERAL(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE: Gold

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: $ 30,000

PROPERTY NAME	LOCATION COUNTY	STATE
B+M mine	Telkeetna Recording District	Alaska

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read the *OME Regulations for Obtaining Federal Assistance in Financing Explorations for Mineral Reserves* (30 CFR Chap. III). 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 two 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 2, existing mine workings and geology in item 3, and the proposed exploration work in item 5. 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 3(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 Office of Minerals Exploration, Department of the Interior,* ~~Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest OME Field Office.~~ Washington, D. C., 20242, or with the nearest OME 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, and that he would not ordinarily undertake the proposed exploration under current conditions and circumstances at his sole expense.

1-3-68
DATED

Fred Ballard
BY *(Signature)*

Partner
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. Financial Eligibility:

(a) Submit evidence of efforts made within 90 days preceding the filing of this application to obtain credit from your bank of account and at least one other banking institution or other private source of credit. Such evidence shall include true copies of correspondence which show: (1) date of loan request, (2) amount and terms requested, (3) proposed use of loan funds, and (4) the replies from credit sources. If the loan was offered under terms which you consider unreasonable, state why you consider them so.

(b) List names and addresses of affiliated, parent, or controlling companies or organizations and state extent and nature of their interest.

(c) State how you propose to furnish your share of the cost of the exploration work.

2. Applicant's Rights in Land:

(a) State your interest in the land and mineral rights, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or other. If you are not the owner, submit one true copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property. Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the land and state book and page number and official place where recorded.

(b) 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 adjacent land which you own or control. Describe any part of the land or workings which should not be subject to Government royalty and liens. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and official place where recorded. State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) For all land or mineral rights encumbered or not owned, submit five copies of Lien and Subordination Agreements on MME Form 52. If the agreements cannot be obtained, state reasons and provide copies of letters of refusal.

3. 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 land. Include existing mine workings and all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations described in (a).

(c) State, if 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, giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used. Support 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 have, indicating whether you require their return.

4. Accessibility of Property:

(a) To aid the OME representative who may examine the property, state name and address of person who will meet him; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of property and of any mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and state the distances to the property.

5. Exploration Work:

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration work giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and sections as necessary. Show 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 *land boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

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

(c) If an OME contract is executed, state how soon thereafter work would be started and finished. State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

6. Experience:

State your operating experience and background to conduct this exploration work and also that of the person who will supervise the work.

7. Estimate of Costs:

Furnish detailed estimates of the necessary costs *for each item of the work proposed in 5(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the work. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed separately under category (a) below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed under categories (b) through (g).

(a) Independent contracts. State the total cost of any proposed independent contract for all or any part of the work, and the number of units and the unit cost for each type of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, or 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. The cost of supervision, engineering and geological services, outside consultants, and labor should be itemized by numbers and classes of employees; rates of wages, salaries or fees; and periods of employment. State whether these services are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies giving quantity and cost of each. 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 equipment and tools costing $50 or more per unit. Give specifications and indicate how each item is to be acquired—i.e., rented, purchased or provided by the applicant. If rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If furnished by the applicant, state condition and present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of *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 in the exploration work.

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

(g) Miscellaneous. Describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance of the operating equipment listed in 7(d). Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 7(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*—The Government will not contribute to costs incurred before the date of the contract, or to costs of or incident to: (1) acquiring, using, or possessing land and any existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances, or the depreciation and depletion thereof; (2) general overhead, corporate management, interest and taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes); (3) insurance (other than employees' liability insurance); and (4) damages to persons or property (other than authorized repair to or replacement of equipment or other property used in the work).]

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United States
Dept. of the Interior

Re: MME form 40

We are asking for assistance for prospecting and developing this property. The banks refused as there is no Geological information on this area

We have prospected this area for the past 2 years the indication are very promising but assistance are nessary for farther prospecting

We intend to trench on Clames #1 #3 (as sketched) this will give a good indication of all 4 Clames, as the lay of the land is very much the same. the Gold that we recored is fine + small flackes 4^{00} - 6^{00} per yard average and better with depth we never hit bed rock

United States
Department of the Interior

Re:MME Form 40 (Jan. 65)

Para 1.

(A) The banks were contacted in person and their reply is enclosed.
(B) None
(C) Personal financing

Para 2.

(A) Location notices recorded
(b) T28N R9E S.W. Sec. 34 S½ NE¼ Talketna Mts., U.S.G.S. Sheet (B-2) 80 acres (4 claims) Talketna recording district at Palmer, Alaska
(Book 36 Pages 224-225-226-227.
(C) None

Para 3.

(A) All work done to date was by hand, 12 holes dug 4'x8'x6' - 8' deep.
(B) 100% Interest
(C) No production to date
(D) Reserve unknown at this time
(E) Testing to date has been panning and small portable sluice box on the creek, and first bench tests run from $4.00 to $6.00 per yard.
(F) Refer (E)
(G) Refer to U.S.G.S. Bulletin 622 for information on area.

Para 4.

(A) Accessible by air and winter cat trail (from Gunsite Mountain Lodge, Mile Post 123 Glenn Highway) 55 Air miles.
(B) Gunsite Mountain Lodge 55 air miles, 60-70 miles via winter trail.

Para 5.

(A) Initial trenching 450'-500', 40' at surface, 20' deeper to bedrock or water level, 10' wide at bedrock or water. The depth to bedrock unknown at this time. Trenching will be on first bench above creek. Drilling will be on low bar at creek(of which water table is 6'-8' from surface) with Lite Placer Churn Drill. Amount of drilling will be determined by depth to bedrock, and in trench testing on 5' lifts.
(B) Supplies and Equipment will be hauled in by cat on winter trail.
(C) Transporting of supplies and equipment would have to be completed not later than tenth of May. It would be necessary to start testing by June 1st as there are only 105 to 120 days to work in that locality.

(Continued)

Para 6.

(A) Self employed placer mining, 3 years on Salmon River, Idaho, 5 years foreman with Golden Anchor Mining Company on Bear Creek, Burg Dorf, Idah, 2 years with Fisher Mining at Warren Meadows, Warren, Idaho.

Para 7.

(A) Self - No contracts
(B) $500.00 to $1,000.00 for engineering or geological service of which is available in Anchorage, Alaska.
(C) Hand tools (picks, shovels, pans, etc.) at mine. Fuel and oils to be be purchased at an estimated cost of $900.00.
(D) Operating equipment to be purchased - 1 Catepillar #955(new price $32,000.00) or used and in good condition at approximately $11,500.00, 1 Pump 4" and Pipe about $1,000.00, 1 Welding Machine 200 AMP with leads about $750.00, Sluice Box and Plate approximately $600.00. Equipment and supplies cost price minus transportation. 13 850
(E) None
(F) Initial prospecting will require only temporary housing in tents with floors costing approximately $400.00.

Yours very truly,

B & M MINE

Fred Ballard
(Fred Ballard)

Melville P. Meiser
(Melville P. Meiser)

Box 4-524 Spenard Alaska 99523

NATIONAL BANK OF ALASKA

Fifth Avenue Branch • Box 600 • Anchorage, Alaska

October 27, 1967

Mr. Fred Ballard
P. O. Box 4-524
Spenard, Alaska

Dear Mr. Ballard:

Consideration was given the proposal submitted to us by yourself and Mr. M. P. Meiser. The bank is unable to grant the request of $28,000 for the purchase of mining equipment.

We are happy to have been of service to you in the past, perhaps in the future we will have another opportunity to serve other requests.

Sincerely,

R. G. Smith

R. G. Smith
Assistant Cashier

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ANCHORAGE

P. O. BOX 720, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Main Office

October 26, 1967

Mr. M. P. Meiser
Mr. Fred Ballard
205 East 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

We regret to inform you that your loan application in the amount of $28,000.00 to be used for the purchase of mining equipment has been declined this date.

It is impossible for our bank to become involved in a situation such as this, and we hope that we may have the opportunity to be of service at some future date.

Very truly yours,

J. P. PFEIFER
Assistant Vice President

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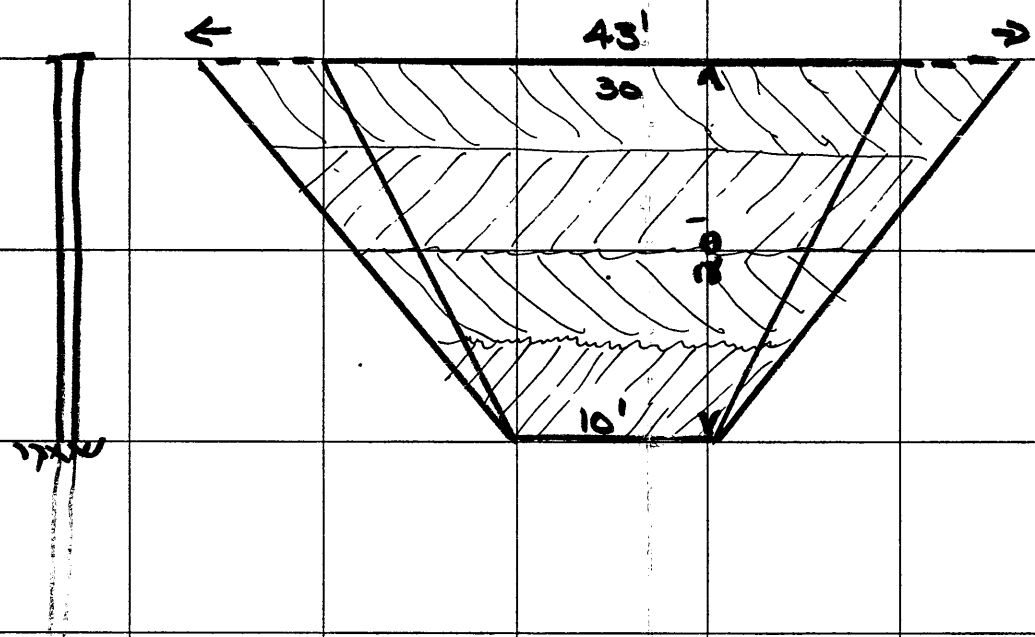

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26.5
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530.0 sq. ft. Cross Section

530'
450'
238,500
27 = 8,830 yards

"ALBANENE" No. 195M K&E CO., N.Y.
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

withdrawn, mailed 5-13

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DONE

Anchorage, Alaska
May 1, 1968

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U. S. Geological Survey
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Dear Sirs:

The partners in the venture have financed themselves.

I expect that is what you wanted to know.

Thank you

Mrs M P Meiser
for
B & M Mine
Fred Ballard &
Melville P Meiser
Talkeetna Rec. Dist.
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AIRMAIL

Mr. Fred Ballard and
Mr. Melville P. Meiser
P. O. Box 4-524
Spenard, Alaska 99503

Re: OME-6685 (Gold)
Fred Ballard & Melville P. Meiser
B and M Mine
Talkeetna Recording District, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 1968, informing us that you are now financially able to conduct the proposed exploration without Government assistance.

We are, therefore, considering your application as having been withdrawn and are placing it in our inactive files.

We suggest you contact one of the local water drilling contractors or mining equipment dealers regarding rental of a churn drill, and also data on the different rigs being manufactured. We are sorry that we do not have such information available in this office.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON (glc)

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

cc: Director's Reading File
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Region II w/enclosed ltr. from Applicant
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Anchorage, Alaska
Apr. 29, 1968

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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

Re: OME 6685C Gold

Thank you for your letter, but we are now financed by ourselves.

But if you know where we can rent a churn drill please advise. Or please send data on same.

Thank you
Yours Sincerely
M. D. Meier
205 E 6th ave
Anchorage Alaska
Z 99501

In Re:
B+M Mine

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AIRMAIL

APR 17 1968

Mr. Fred Ballard and
Mr. Melville P. Meiser
P.O. Box 4-524
Spenard, Alaska 99503

Re: OME-6685 (Gold)
Fred Ballard & Melville P. Meiser
B and M Mine
Talkeetna Recording District, Alaska

Gentlemen:

We have not had a reply to our letter of February 19, 1968. Will you please inform us of your plans regarding the application. If you have decided not to pursue it further, will you please so inform us.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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AIRMAIL

Mr. Fred Ballard and
Mr. Melville F. Meiser
P.O. Box 4-524
Spenard, Alaska 99503

FEB 19 1968

Re: OME-6685 (Gold)
Fred Ballard & Melville F. Meiser
B and M Mine
Talkeetna Recording District, Alaska

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 9, 1968, enclosing additional information in support of the subject application for financial assistance.

Further review of your application indicates that it is primarily a request for Government assistance to purchase equipment and supplies and as such is not eligible for OME assistance. Unless a suitable exploration program can be proposed in which purchases are not the major item, we would have no choice but to deny the application.

As previously indicated, under the exploration assistance program the Government will participate in the necessary and reasonable cost of equipment to the extent provided in the exploration contract. However, on small projects such as proposed, allowances for purchasing expensive equipment cannot be justified. Generally, on these programs where the Operator does not own the necessary equipment, funds are provided for its rental, or the contract may allow for a contractor to perform all or any part of the work.

It seems that the work you have proposed, if proper preparations were made, could be completed in one season. This would reduce the cost of renting a dozer considerably. Possibly, in lieu of the proposed work some other means of testing the claims such as sinking test pits would be feasible and less expensive.

For your information, funds are not paid in advance to the Operator under an OME contract. Rather, the Government pays its share of the costs at the end of each month after a voucher for the expenses incurred has been submitted by the Operator.

If a new proposal is submitted, a detailed cost estimate for the systematic exploration of the property is required. This should include cost of equipment, labor, assaying, supervision, etc. If any of the work is to be contracted, cost estimates must be supported by bids from three independent contractors if possible.

In addition, the proposed work should be described fully, indicating the locations, depths and lengths of trenches or test pits and locations and depths of proposed drill holes. State the approximate depth to bedrock.

We shall continue to hold your application until we have been advised of your plans regarding the application. Nothing in this letter should be construed as a commitment by the Government to grant an exploration contract.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

cc: Director's Reading File
Division File
Economic Geology File
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OME Reading File
Mr. Peterson
Region II w/copy of ltr. dtd. 2/9/68, sketch showing claim boundary, request for loans w/refusal ltrs. dtd. 1/30-31/68.

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Mr Frank E Johnson
Office of Mineral Exploration
Geological Survey
Re: OME. 668 S

Gentleman

Inclosed. Request for Loan. From banks. + Letters of there refuse's. Also sketch of clames boundry Marked proposed working. Prospecting to date was hand diging. consisting of holes approximaly 4' X 6' X 5'-6' deep with small sluise box from yardage run. tested #4-#6 per yard. 3 holes dug on clame #1 was panning only. no essay as it is plasser all free Gold.

The proposed Trenching is on bench above the creek and watter will be no problem up to depth of 20' as trench will drain if water is encounterd. in trenching the material will be run through sluice box. And sampled at 5' depths. Trenching will give a more accurate samplinc where water wont be a problem. drilling will be on low ground slitely above creek and at creek level. And the cat. loader would be nessary. the drill would half to be Transferd

in by cat Train or flown in by Plane. there is no landing strip cabble of handling plane that large at present. a strip could be Leveled off at small Expense. and drilling would be in 1969 as getting equipt. + supplys in + trenching would cover working season this year (1968)

Finical assistance is requested for the purchasing of Equipment + supplys. as my partner (M.P. Meiser) + my self will do the work without salery. The rentle of Equipment would be almost prohivited as it would half to be brought out at end of season or pay rent all winter as working season in that locality is from 90 - 120 days and if we were finnancable to purchas the equipt. we would not need assistance

The sketch of clame boundrys is in relation topographic map as there are no Geological report or Surrey markers on that area.

Sincerely yours

Fred Ballard

CREDIT APPLICATION

TO NATIONAL BANK OF ALASKA, _____ Branch Date 1-30-68

NAME IN FULL Fred Ballard Melville P. Meiser Age 67

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 3304 Lois Drive Po. Box 4-524 Spenard

If no home phone, nearest phone at which you can be reached 277-4085

I hereby apply for a loan of $ 30,000 to be repaid in 5 Anual ~~Monthly~~ payments, to be used for the purpose of purchas Equipt for prospecting + Developing Placer mine

I offer the following security the Equipt purchased + the undeveloped Mining property 4 clames (80 acres)

Value of Real Estate Owned if any $ _____ Your Equity _____

Location _____

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN CITY 25 yrs At this address 2 yrs

If you have not lived at above address for three years, give last previous address 216½ E 6th Anchorage

Married ☒ Single ☐ Wife's Name Ella P Ballard (Number of Dependents) —

Draft Classification _____ Reserve Status _____ Rank or Rating _____

NAME OF FIRM or EMPLOYER Semi Retired Length Employed _____

OCCUPATION _____ Salary or Wages per Month $ _____ Date Paid _____

Business Address _____ Business Phone _____

Is wife employed? No If so, where? _____ How Long _____ Monthly Salary _____

Amount and Source of Other Income, if any $ _____ per month from _____

REFERENCES

At least one personal reference and two dealers or merchants from whom you purchased or have purchased on credit.

( ) N.C. Co. Address 733 5th Anchorage

( ) N B of A Save Branch Address 7th + Ramble "

( ) Harry Pope Address 3303 Doris Spenard

YOUR Nearest Relative NOT Living with YOU — Name No one known

Address _____ Relationship _____

WIFE'S Nearest Relative NOT Living with YOU — Name Jewell Goodrich

Address 7509 old Harter Rd. Relationship Daughter

Account Carried at N B of A Save (Name of Bank) _____ (Account Number) Checking $ 500.00 Savings $ 4300

Are there or have there ever been any judgments, garnishments or other legal proceedings against you (If none, please state "none". If any, give particulers) None

(over)

R.D.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I Own		I Owe	Indebted to	Payments	Pres. Bal.
Cash on hand and in bank	$ 4700 —	Bank Loans NBA	✓		
Stocks and Bonds	—	Other Bank Loans	✓		
Auto—year 1966 make Rambler		Auto or Other Loans	✓		
Auto—year 1957 make "		Home—Contract Mortgage	✓		
Home—Present value @		Rent	~~[illegible]~~	100 —	
Other Real Estate @		List all Installment Accounts	✓		
Other Assets (describe)					
BM mining co	6000 —				
		*Total Monthly Payments			
		(Monthly net income ($.....)			
TOTAL ASSETS	$	TOTAL BALANCES OWED			$

I hereby declare that the above questions have been read and answered by myself and that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that I am 21 years of age or over.

SIGNATURE M. D. Meiser + Fred Ballard Date 1-30-68

Mailing Address 4-524 Spenard Alaska

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BUDGET		
Salary After Deductions		$
*Total Monthly Payments	$	
Utilities		
Food Allowance		
Auto Expenses		
Insurance		
Savings Program		
Medical Expenses		
Other		
TOTAL EXPENSES		$
SURPLUS INCOME		$

COMMENTS

Credit Report _____

Average Balance _____

Prior Loans _____

Reference Check _____

Collateral Check _____

Approved..... Disapproved ✓ KP

Committee

AMOUNT _____

RATE _____

TERM _____

DUE DATE _____

SECURITY _____

CREDIT LIFE _____

INSURANCE CO. _____

INS. AGENT _____

EXP. DATE _____

DEDUCTABLE _____

NATIONAL BANK OF ALASKA
FIFTH AVENUE BRANCH • BOX 33859 • ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501

January 31, 1968

Mr. Fred Ballard
P. O. Box 4-524
Spenard, Alaska

Dear Mr. Ballard:

Consideration has been given to the credit application submitted by yourself and Mr. Meiser on January 30, 1968. We will have to refuse your request for $30,000.00 at a term of six years for purchase of heavy equipment for prospecting and developing a placer mine. To be quite frank, this proposed loan is speculation, which the bank cannot become involved in.

We welcome the opportunity to serve your banking needs whenever possible and appreciate your long time patronage of this bank. Perhaps in the future, we will have the opportunity to serve other requests.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Smith

R. G. Smith
Assistant Cashier

RGS:skl

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ANCHORAGE

P. O. BOX 720, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Main Office

January 30, 1968

Mr. Melville Meiser
Mr. Fred Ballard
205 East Sixth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I regret to inform you that your request for a term loan in the amount of $30,000, the proceeds of which were to be used to purchase mining equipment, has been rejected this date.

I am indeed sorry that we are unable to assist you in this matter and sincerely hope to have the opportunity to be of assistance to you in the future.

Very truly yours,

W. M. VOGT
Vice President

WMV:dlf

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

CONFIDENTIAL

APPLICATION FOR CREDIT

CONSUMER CREDIT DEPT.

To FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ANCHORAGE Jan 30, 1968

I hereby make application for a loan of $ 30,000 to be repaid in 5 Annual ~~monthly~~ installments

Applicant's Name Melville P Mercer + Fred Ballard Age 50 + 67

Residence Address 205 Ea 6th How Long 7 yrs Phone 272-5843

Former Address Anchorage How Long 17 yrs

How will money be used? { explain fully } Prospect - Equip + develop Placer Mine

Name of (~~husband~~ or wife) Frances M Mercer

Number of Dependents (other than husband or wife) None Their Ages

Name of Employer Le Tourneau Co Address Kenai Alaska Phone

Position Occupied Ironworker How Long Salary $ 7.24 per hr { When Paid Weekly ☑ Monthly ☐

Former Employer Address How Long

~~Husband's~~ or Wife's Employer None Address Phone Salary $

Other Income $ None How Received—Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually ☐ Source

Nearest Relative (other than husband or wife) Mr + Mrs J P Mercer

Relationship Parents Address St Paul, Minn.

Another Relative Address

Personal Reference Cliff Westergard Address Anchorage Phone 277-9163

Credit Reference 1st Natl Bank Address 4 + H Anchorage

Credit Reference Address

Name—~~Lodges, Clubs~~, Unions of which you are a member Ironworkers Local # 751

Landlord's Name (if renting) Matt Niemi

Where do you bank? 1st Natl - Main Branch Checking ☑ Savings ☑ Loans ☐

Have you obtained a loan from this bank or any of its branches before? Yes ☑ No ☐ Where? MB Anchorage

Do you have any pending application for credit with any other lending institutions? Yes ☐ No ☑

Have you ever been adjudged bankrupt? Yes ☐ No ☑ Are you a Co-Signer or Guarantor for others? Yes ☐ No ☑

If answer to any of the last three questions is Yes, give details Air Compressor 1955

It is understood that the foregoing and following statement and informations is submitted to support my application for the loan described above and this application may be retained by you as your property and as supplemented by me from time to time, used and relied upon by you as being a full, true and correct statement of my financial condition in support of any and all future applications for credit accommodations to or for my account. I agree to notify you immediately in writing of any material change in my financial condition, and in the absence of such notice, or of a new and full written statement, this may be considered as a continuing statement; and it is hereby expressly agreed that upon application for further credit, this statement shall have the same force and effect as if delivered as an original statement of my financial condition at the time such further credit is requested. You are hereby authorized to obtain such information as you may require in corroboration of the foregoing and following statements.

FNB 70-35

(OVER)

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Financial Statement as of Jan 30 **19** 68

ASSETS				LIABILITIES	Monthly Payments		Balance Owed	
Cash in First National Bank of Anchorage Branch	$	129	59	Notes Payable to First National Bank Of Anchorage				
Cash on Hand or in Other Banks		none		Notes Payable to Other Banks				
U. S. Government Securities		"		Notes Payable to Others (Name)				
Stocks and Bonds		"		Accrued Taxes (Name)				
Accounts and Notes Receivable from Relatives and Friends		"		Chattel or Mortgage Liens Payable				
Accounts & Notes Receivable from Others		"		Mortgages or Liens on Real Estate (Name)				
Real Estate Owned		"		Loans on Life Insurance Policies				
Real Estate Mortgages & Contracts Owned		"		Accounts & Bills Payable (Itemize Below)				
Automobile 1954 Year Chev Make Stwag				To Whom Payable / Orig. Amount	XXXX	XX	XXXX	XX
Personal Property		none						
Cash Value Life Insurance ($)		"						
Other Assets—Itemize / Amount of Insurance								
B&M Company Funds	6000	--		Total Monthly Payments			XXXX	XX
				TOTAL LIABILITIES		$		
				NET WORTH		$		
TOTAL ASSETS $				TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		$		

I hereby certify that my total indebtedness, including this loan, does not exceed at this time the sum of $30,000

Date Signed....., *19*..... *Signature* M. P. Meiser

Witness..... *Signature* Fred Ballard

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Sources:.....

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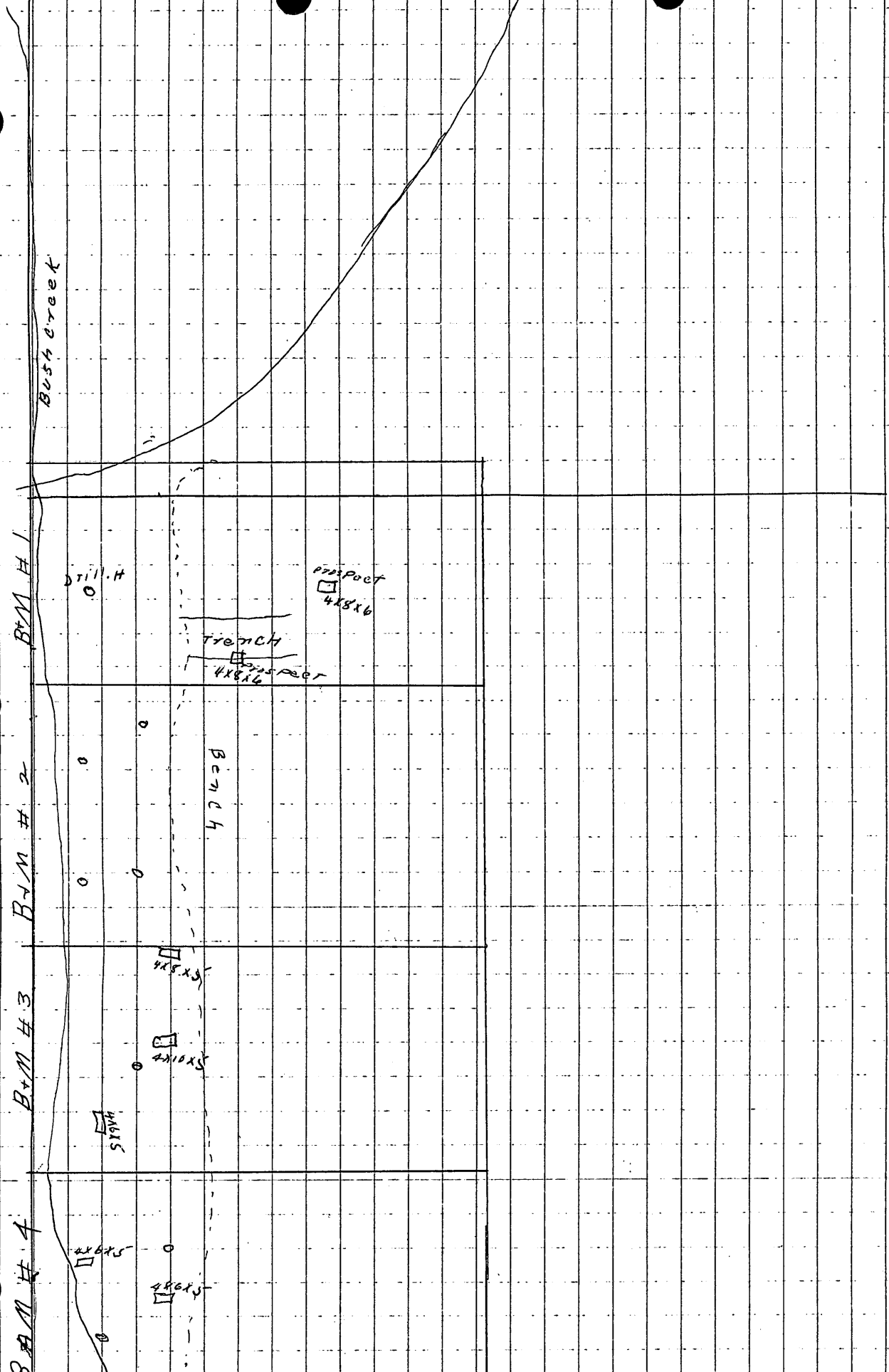

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JUN 17 1969

AIRMAIL

Mr. Fred Ballard and
Mr. Melville F. Meiner
P. O. Box 4-524
Spenard, Alaska 99503

Re: OME-6685 (Gold)
Fred Ballard & Melville F. Meiner
B and M Mine
Valdezian Recording District, Alaska

Gentlemen:

A preliminary review of your application for exploration assistance indicates that the following additional information is needed before we can continue its processing.

Furnish copies of your correspondence to the two banks requesting an exploration loan. The letters should state the amount of the loan, purpose, date, and terms requested. Your statement that the loan request was conducted orally with the banks is not sufficient for our records.

Also required is a claim map or sketch showing the claim boundaries and their relation to the proposed workings. The topographic map submitted does not give these details.

The results of the past exploration work mentioned in the application should be supplied. Information as to the location of samples taken, sampling methods used, sample widths, and copies of the assay certificates should be forwarded for our evaluation.

We would appreciate your comments regarding a program of churn drilling only rather than the combination trenching and drilling program proposed. In view of the rather large amount of material that would have to be moved to reach bedrock, the probable difficulties in adequately draining the trenches, and the difficulties that are apt to be encountered in collecting and quantitatively evaluating trenchwall samples, it appears that in this case, a drilling program would give more satisfactory results and possibly be less expensive.

For your information, under the exploration assistance program the Government will participate in the purchase of equipment needed on the project. However, a more satisfactory method involving small programs such as proposed, would permit the Operator to be compensated for use of equipment he may own or purchase, by allowing depreciation to the extent of 1/60th of the fair market value of the equipment or its book value, whichever is less, for each month used. If the equipment is rented, a fair rental charge per month is allowed.

If the requested information is favorable, a field examination of the property would probably be necessary before we can reach a final decision regarding your proposal. It should be noted that such an examination would necessarily be scheduled for sometime after the snow has gone and the project area is accessible.

This request for additional information should not be construed as a commitment by the Government to grant an exploration contract. We shall hold the further processing of your application until the data are received.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

cc: Director's Reading File
Division File
Economic Geology File
OME File
OME Reading File
Mr. Peterson
Region II

ECPeterson/bsl 1/17/68

January 12, 1968

Mr. Fred Ballard and
Mr. Melville P. Meiser
Box 4-524
Spenard, Alaska 99503

Subject: OME-6685

Gentlemen:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated January 3, 1968, submitted to our office at Menlo Park, California, has been assigned Docket No. OME-6685.

Please identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

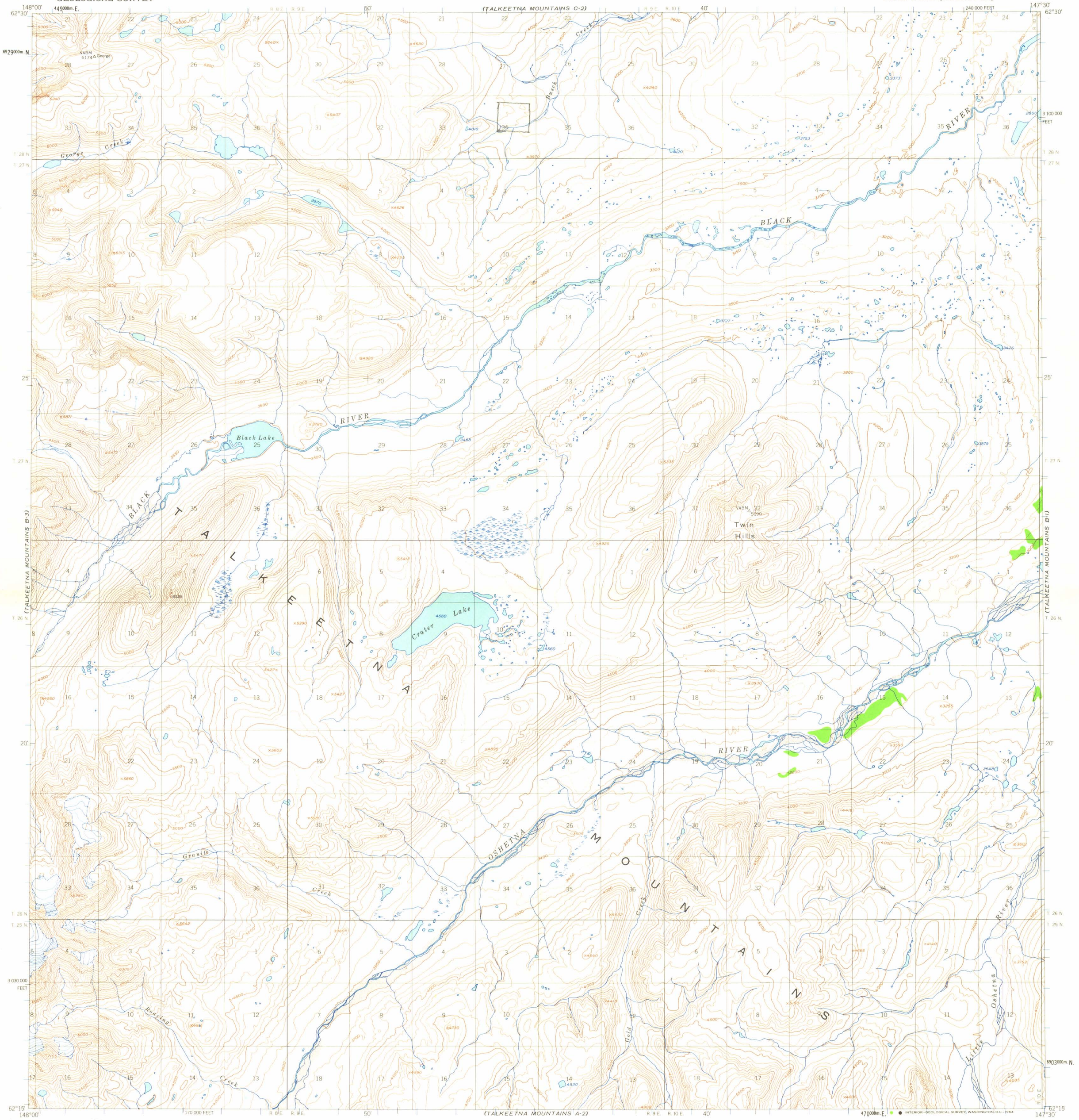
Copy to Region II

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS (B-2) QUADRANGLE

ALASKA

1:63 360 SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1949, field annotated 1951. Map not field checked

Universal Transverse Mercator projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Alaska coordinate system, zone 3
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 6, shown in blue

Land lines represent unsurveyed and unmarked locations predetermined by the Bureau of Land Management Folio S-1, Seward Meridian

Swamps, as portrayed, indicate only the wetter areas, usually of low relief, as interpreted from aerial photographs

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
28°
APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1951

SCALE 1:63360

CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 50-FOOT CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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ALASKA
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

No roads or trails in this area

TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS (B-2), ALASKA
N6215—W14730/15X30

1951
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