Dumond Mina (Ark) manganese.

Dumond is in Calif.
Tied up some way with men in Okla or Tex.
Wants to promote western manganese.
Phoned me from Calif. long ago & said he
wanted action or out.
I think he must be out.
Applic. rec. 5/12/51 was entirely inadequate
& referred it back to Washington with
rec. for denial on grounds of insufficient data.
Have heard nothing more.

10/7/51 — No changes reported to date — Kmay

American Manganese Co. West Ala Mn.

Rec. inadequate applic from Wash. 5/12/51
Recommended denial as inadequate data.

Max Crittenden is handling all this at Washington end, dealing with Huntington consulting primadonna for the Co.
Don't know what may come out of it. We will probably hear from Max.

10/7/51 - no changes reported to date - Knox

1951

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

July 5, 1951

Mr. G. J. Colp
P. O. Box 509
Corsicana, Texas

Dear Mr. Colp:

In reply please refer to
DMA-168

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The Defense Minerals Administration is now engaged in negotiations with two companies for exploration work in this same district. Under the circumstances it does not appear desirable to undertake still further work until it has been determined whether a recovery of manganese from these low-grade ores associated with the Arkansas novaculite is practical under present conditions. The exploration proposals now being considered are designed to determine the nature, distribution and grade of manganese ores, and it is suggested that you hold your proposal in abeyance pending the outcome of this work. If the results prove satisfactory you could consolidate your interests with the other companies, or if small-scale operations are feasible you could operate the property yourself. In any case you will have the advantage of the extensive exploration and study which will be given to the matter of ore reserves and metallurgy by the other operators and by the DMA.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon
Director, Supply Division

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CC: Adm. Reading File
Mr. Strobel
Regional Field Team
Mr. Holderer
Mr. Crittenden

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July 5, 1951

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

July 5, 1951

Memorandum

To: Landon F. Strobel, Executive Secretary

Through: Director, Supply Division

From: Manganese Branch

Subject: DMA-168 , C. J. Colp
P. O. Box 509
Corsicana, Texas

Applicant requests transfer to him of original applicant made by G. I. Damond and Associates, 1230-4th Sacramento, California. Application has been rejected because it is not clear whether a transfer of interest could be made. Furthermore, there is almost no possibility that a loan of this size is justifiable under present circumstances. The applicant has been advised to hold his proposal in abeyance pending the outcome of other exploration proposals for the region, now under consideration by DMA. If the results are satisfactory, applicant could possibly consolidate his interests with others.

George P. Holderer
Chief, Manganese Branch

Attachment:

Approved:

Tom Lyon

Director, Supply Division

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Regional Field Team
Mr. Holderer
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July 5, 1951

Memorandum

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Through: Director, Supply Division

From: Manganese Branch

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George [illegible] Holderer
Chief, Manganese Branch

Attachment:

Approved:

[illegible]

Director, Supply Division

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Mr. Strobel
Regional Field Team
Mr. Holderer
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MAY 21 1951

MAY 17 1951

Mr. Hugh Miser
U. S. Geological Survey
234 Federal Building
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Miser:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that blew in the window via the DMA. Since the gentleman seems to have had first-hand contact with you in the past, and we appear to have no information on cobalt and nickel in Arkansas, I would appreciate any comments that you may care to make. Since the nickel and cobalt are apparently found in connection with exploration for bauxite, I presume they are in lateritic deposits; beyond that I refuse to speculate.

The manganese situation seems to be rumbling along at about an oxcart pace with no program approved by DMA as yet. The principal trouble seems to be that the lawyers and economists in the higher echelons keep switching signals; with your past experience in Washington I will not elaborate the obvious any further.

Dave Gallagher seems to think that the manganese deposits of western Arkansas, particularly in the vicinity of Mena, merit investigation from the angle of possible localization of manganese along the unconformities. I don't know whether Dave has talked to you about the possibilities or whether you are familiar with his thoughts on the subject. Before setting up a definite program, we would appre[illegible] your opinions.

The squirrel cage whirleth dizzily, and I hope to ge[illegible] Washington long enough on a chrome junket to get undizzied. There even seem to be catches in that endeavor, principally in trying to work out itineraries that will make everybody happy.

With best wishes for a cool summer.

Sincerely yours,

T. P. Thayer

T. P. Thayer

Enclosure

TPThayer:gt
G 5/10/51 CC: Dave Gallagher

Joplin, Mo. May 12, 1951

P. B. Bradley, Jr.
Chief, Manganese Branch,
Defense Minerals Administration,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: Dockets DMA-168
and DMA-914

Dear Mr. Bradley:

Because we already knew that three parties were interested in Mena (Arkansas) manganese we have already devoted about two weeks during late March and early April to a reconnaissance study of these deposits.

Three interested parties are: (1) Dumond (DMA-168), (2) "The American Manganese Company, Inc." (probably soon to be under the name Inland Mining Corp.), Mr. Chenoweth and Mr. Huntington, and (3) Mr. Newton and his associates.

Howard Berliner, geologist U. S. Geological Survey, performed this reconnaissance. During that work he visited many of the manganese properties, but not the Eagle Mountain property or the properties in which Dumond is interested. Some of the properties were visited in the company of Mr. Chenoweth and Mr. Huntington. He spent considerable time visiting the properties of Mr. Newton in the company of Mr. Newton and Mr. R. B. McKlwaine, consulting engineer and geologist of Little Rock whom I had recommended to Mr. Newton.

McKlwaine told me by phone yesterday (May 11) that he had submitted his report to Mr. Newton. Newton's purpose was to obtain necessary information to file a DMA application in Washington. You should have that application or should receive it soon. McKlwaine's report is believed to contain sampling and assay information that, by inference, may shed some light on the character of the Dumond and Huntington ores also.

Mr. Berliner sat on hillsides with Mr. Huntington and listened to his verbal guesstimates of tonnages, but could not concur because of the paucity of observable facts upon which these guesstimates were based. Samples for milling tests were submitted April 3, 1951 by Berliner to the Bureau of Mines office in Rolla, Mo., but no report on these tests has been received yet.

We feel that the information provided by both Dumond and by Huntington in their respective applications regarding ore reserves, grade, and milling, are insufficient. We feel that the proper bulldozer work, trenching, sampling, possibly drilling, bulk-sampling for milling tests, milling tests, and mapping that should be done is beyond the present scope or responsibility of this DMA Field Team.

However, we do feel that the district has promise. The work of McKlwaine and Berliner has thrown new light on the geology of these deposits that enhances the possibility that they may, on re-evaluation, prove to be much better than originally thought. I have, accordingly, formally proposed a regular Geological Survey field project to investigate them adequately by

testing the validity of the new ideas, and by applying this information, if it proves to be sound, to the discovery and evaluation of the economic potential of the region as a source for manganese ore. Approval of this suggested program is pending in Washington.

In conclusion, we feel that the information on ore reserves, grade, and millability provided by Dumond (DMA-168) and Huntington (DMA-914) is insufficient, that the gathering of sufficient information on these matters is beyond the present scope or responsibility of this DMA Field Team, and that Dumond and Huntington should be asked to supply adequate data on these matters, gathered either on their own, or with the aid of DMA Exploration under MF-103 and MF-200.

Sincerely yours,

David Gallagher

David Gallagher

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

MAY 12 1951

April 24, 1951

Mr. David Gallagher
Executive Officer
DMA Field Team, Region VI
P.O. Box 431
Joplin, Missouri

In reply please refer to
DMA-168
DMA-914

Through Coordinating Committee
and Director, Supply Division

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

The following two proposals have been received to produce manganese ore from very low-grade manganese deposits in the Mena area, Arkansas:

(1) G. I. Dumond and Associates, (DMA-168) propose to produce 6,000 to 10,000 tons per year from properties on Bear Tuck Mountain, T. 3 S., R. 31 W.

(2) The American Manganese Company, Inc. (DMA-914) proposes to produce 48,000 tons per year from deposits in Sec. 27 and 26, 34 and 35, T. 3 S., R. 30 W.

Geologic studies of this area by Miser in 1916 indicated the presence of fractured novaculite containing up to 10 percent manganese, but at prices then prevailing and in the absence of modern mining machinery, it was impossible to mine and treat ores of the grade available. Consequently, no attempt was made to sample or estimate accurately the tonnage and grade.

In order to make a realistic appraisal of the two proposals, it is requested that the DMA field team examine and sample the two sets of properties to determine the following:

(1) Order of magnitude of tonnage and grade of the deposit.

(2) Estimate of mining costs.

(3) Metallurgical testing of bulk samples, if necessary, to verify the applicants' statements concerning recovery, grade and quality of concentrates, and cost of final product.

The Dumond Company has had no experience with manganese, yet has proposed to produce concentrates at market price.

The American Manganese Company proposal was worked up by Morgan Huntington who operated a similar plant near Socorro, New Mexico, during 1944 and 1945. That operation was a success from a metallurgical point of view, but the product cost about $1.50 per unit. This is equivalent to about $2.75 per unit today. The estimated costs for both proposed operations should be carefully examined on this basis.

If, as we suspect, a preliminary examination of the ground indicates that a proper sampling campaign will be unduly burdensome and expensive, your comments and alternate suggestions would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

P. R. Bradley mem

P. R. Bradley, Jr.
Chief, Manganese Branch

Enclosure

Approved:

Tom Lyon

Chairman, Coordinating Committee

Lowell B. Moon

Bureau of Mines

Olaf N. Rove

Geological Survey

MDCrittenden:TJBallard:mem

cc: Adm. Reading File
Mr. Strobel
Regional Field Team VI
Mr. Crittenden
Mr. Bradley
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAY 12 1951

April 24, 1951

Mr. G. I. Dumond
G. I. Dumond and Associates
1230 - 18th Street
Sacramento, California

In reply please refer to
DMA-168

Dear Mr. Dumond:

Your request for a guaranteed loan of $120,500 dependent upon your contract to furnish ore from the mining and milling of manganese ores near Nemo, Arkansas, has been considered by the Defense Minerals Administration.

The Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey do not have sufficient information concerning the availability, tonnage and grade of ore to supply this contract. Since the loan must be repaid from production, a DMA field team has been requested to examine the property.

The information you have submitted to this office has been forwarded to the executive officer of the DMA field team, Mr. David Gallagher, U. S. Geological Survey, Joplin, Missouri. To augment their appraisal they may call on you for assistance in obtaining bulk samples for metallurgical tests. Any additional information concerning the metallurgical work you have done will also be of help.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon
Director, Supply Division

TJBallard:mmm

cc: Adm. Reading File
Mr. Strobel
Regional Field Team III
Mr. Bradley
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Joplin, Mo.

April 24, 1951

Mr. Quentin D. Singewald,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Room 4210,
G. S. Building,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Quentin:

It is a little premature, but I want to forewarn you in your capacity of Mogul of manpower that I foresee the need of a full-scale project on the manganese deposits of the Mena district in Arkansas. This might more properly be called the Ouchita Mountain Manganese Project.

At least three groups of, shall I say, industrialists are showing an interest in the deposits. R. B. McElwaine, consulting geologist of Little Rock, and Howard Berliner of this office, have noticed the economic importance of an unconformity that bids fair to lead to the possible discovery of large tonnages of manganese ore. Berliner's report is not finished, but findings so far indicate strongly that it will be advisable to assign a field party to this work.

Our initial look at these deposits was in part at the behest of Max Crittenden, who suggested that these deposits be re-examined in the light of present-day manganese situation even though they had been condemned twenty-five years ago on the basis of the manganese situation at that time. I am not now in a position to say how good they look, but I am certainly in a position to say that more detailed investigation is appropriate.

I believe we should assign a field party under the direction of a party chief of about P-3 grade selected because of his special experience and knowledge of sedimentation. He should be assisted by one or two [illegible]l's.

In your planning of the distribution of men I hope you will be [illegible] to assign the necessary men to this project. If you will send me [illegible]ecessary schedugraph forms I will fill them out and submit them [illegible]gh you for formal approval of the project.

Sincerely yours,

David Gallagher

Joplin, Mo.

April 3, 1951

Memorandum

To: L. T. McElvenny

From: M. Howard Berliner

Subject: Metallurgical Testing of Mena, Ark. Manganese Samples.

I am shipping today by Campbell 66 Express the following samples:

Sample No.

A-1 Claystone ore - 2 bags.
A-2 Sandy ore - 1 bag.
A-3 Medium and coarse novaculite conglomerate ore - 2 bags.
A-4 Massive novaculite ore - 2 bags.
B-1) (Each of these samples is in two lard buckets in one crate
B-2) (and represents one channel cut across the 3 types of ore
B-3) ((A-1, 2 & 3) from the inclined shaft.
B-4 Massive novaculite ore from floor of inclined shaft.

The "A" samples represent the four types of ore occurring as sedimentary beds and have been collected from several trenches that cut the outcrop of the ore over a strike length of about 600 feet.

All of these samples come from the surface or within a few feet of the surface and therefore do not represent exactly the ore as it will be mined; the ore has weathered differentially, some hardening and some softening; undoubtedly there has been a small degree of manganese enrichment, and in places the ore has become waddy. However, I think that these samples will be adequate to give us a nearly complete picture of the milling flowsheet.

I would suggest, dependent upon the time and amount of personnel that can be devoted to this mill test, that with the "A" samples each type of ore be investigated separately since the characteristics of each appear to differ very much. This might include a crushing test to determine whether jaw crushing or hammer milling is the better method, etc., and isolation of the apparently high grade particles of manganese mineral with complete chemical determination required for manganese ore specifications -- Fe, Si, Al, P, S, Bu, base metals.

On the "B" samples I would like to see one assay on each sample, but it is not necessary. These could then be combined and used in the main milling test. With the B-1, 2 and 3 samples, B-4 should be combined on a weighted basis. (At the time I took channel cuts from the inclined shaft

the massive novaculite was not exposed so that samples of the novaculite were obtained after another round of shots had been put in.) B-1, 2, and 3 are each 5 feet long and B-4 should represent one foot. On the basis of the individual weight of B-1, 2, and 3 samples or a combination B-4 should be combined in proportion.

I am not a milling man, but permit me an indulgence. I think much of the ore could be concentrated by gravity methods -- rough jigging, sizing a head feed for tabling or Humphrey spirals with flotation of the fine ore particles. Perhaps much of the gravity work could be handled by heavy media. In any case, close examination of the ore by the metallurgists will suggest a variety of methods, and they might find it worth while to make polished and thin sections of the ore.

It might be well to keep in mind what might be obtained in the way of byproducts; the claystone ore (perhaps it is an ironstone) is worthy of a little investigation to see what it is, and whether worthy of recovering. The cleaned massive novaculite and novaculite conglomerate might be put into a separate tailing for use as "road metal". That part of Arkansas does not have a convenient source of suitable "road metal".

The deposit is very promising, and I hope that both grade and metallurgy will be satisfactory.

Enclosed is the Government bill of lading covering the shipment of the samples.

M. Howard Berliner

Encl.

Joplin, Mo.

March 26, 1951

Mr. Morgan G. Huntington,
3100 Connecticut Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Huntington:

I have received your letter of March 22 requesting that you be notified a week in advance of our field examination of the manganese deposits near Mena, Arkansas.

Your letter was written one day after our geologist, Howard Berliner, left here for the Mena district. I have just received a letter from Mr. Berliner, written Saturday, indicating that as a result of my letter of March 20, Mr. Chenoweth has been in touch with him. Mr. Berliner says in his letter that he asked Mr. Chenoweth to arrange to have you visit Mena early this week, if possible.

I apologize for this mixup in timing, but I trust that everything will work out satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,

David Gallagher

cc: M. Howard Berliner,
Hotel Mena,
Mena, Arkansas

MORGAN G. HUNTINGTON
MINING AND METALLURGICAL ENGINEER
MINERAL MARKETING CONSULTANT
WASHINGTON, D. C.
3100 Connecticut
March 22, 1951

Mr. David Gallagher
United States Bureau of Mines
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

Mr. Norwood Melcher has informed me that the examination of the Chenoweth manganese properties near Mena, Arkansas is in your hands. Mr. Chenoweth and his associates are anxious to have your report forwarded to Washington as soon as possible.

In order to facilitate your examination, Mr. Chenoweth has asked me to accompany you during your visit to his properties. I shall appreciate it if you will notify me of your plans as much as one week in advance of the examination date.

Very truly yours,

Morgan G. Huntington

MGH:ah
cc: Mr. Melcher
Mr. Chenoweth

DB

N.C. Mar. 26, 1951

Mar. 24, 1951

Dear Dave:

Just a line on things so far. Mena is 260 miles from Joplin – 6 hours drive; a town of 3500, dry, and one cinema house. Today is Saturday and all the "natives" are in from the hills – a sad lot.

Bob Mac. and Mr. Newton have both been very cordial and everything goes well so far. Mr. Chenoweth was notified by his Dallas office that I was here – made arrangements to meet last night but he had to return to Dallas and called from Little Rock. I asked him to have Morgan Huntington here early in the week so that I could have the latter part of next week free to look over the district. Mr. Newton has offered to show me around tomorrow.

Bob has uncovered ~~something~~ a type of ore accurrence heretofore neglected. At the top of the lower novaculite division is an unconformity overlain by about 2 feet of angular chert conglomerate, another 2 feet of iron claystone containing segregations of manganese ore. The top of the novaculite is usually shattered and contains 1-2 feet of manganese oxides in thin veinlets and irregular fragments. It appears that this 5 foot zone might contain 15-20% Mn. The ore is generally siliceous Mn oxides and xline pyrolusite and psilomelane that could be recovered by gravity methods catching (–)4 mesh to +35 mesh and the fine material might be amenable to flotation.

Origin of the ore appears to be original with the sedimentation as Mn oxides, especially in the claystone, and circulating ground water might be responsible for some enrichment and

distribution of the manganese into the chert conglomerate and fractured novaculite. Thus on the basis of sedimentary continuity and allowing for observable fluctuation in thickness of beds a large ~~ton~~ tonnage is inferred.

Bob's exploratory work - trenching and bulldozing - has opened up the outcrop for a continuous length of over 300 feet. Thus, a block of ground 100 feet back from the outcrop could easily contain from 30-40,000 tons

Miser in his description of these deposits - by reading between the lines - shows that these sediments are quite common and that much of ore produced has come from deposits adjacent to these beds. So that this particular deposit is not ~~an~~ in common with the district

I plan to take large samples of the ore from various beds - enough for milling and specimen analysis, etc., a few check samples, and one large sample from several trenches and here and there for a milling sample. Have made a sketch map of ~~of~~ the deposit and got a description of the trenches, spent one day sodding for Bob, and one more day sampling should wind up the work on that deposit. Chemanalysis ~~exam~~ should not take over 2 days, which should give me 2 days to begin to get familiar with district. Plan to leave here next Friday.

Have tried to get gunny and feed sacks but they're awfully scarce. Mr. Newton has ~~some~~ 5 cons for the mill sample. Can we get several hundred sample sacks of all sizes from the Bureau?

The weather has been very nice - lots of sun and spring fever is easily acquired.

I trust that everything goes well by the DMA office - not too many visitors? Best regards — Howard

Joplin, Mo.

March 20, 1951

Mr. Cecil B. Chenoweth,
523 Republic Bank Building,
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Chenoweth:

A letter to you dated March 2, 1951 from George B. Holderer has been sent to me together with a copy of your reply to him dated March 14, 1951.

I would like to advise you that Mr. M. Howard Berliner, U. S. Geological Survey geologist from this office, is being detailed to make a general examination of the manganese deposits in the vicinity of Mena, Arkansas. Mr. Berliner plans to leave here on Wednesday, March 21, and to be in the Mena district until about the end of March. He will be staying at the Mena Hotel. We would be glad to have you or any of your associates or representatives contact Mr. Berliner during his visit to the Mena district.

Sincerely yours,

David Gallagher

cc: Mr. L. T. McElvenny,
U. S. Bureau of Mines,
Rolla, Mo.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
REGION VI

OFFICE OF
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

ROOM 814 BARFIELD BUILDING
AMARILLO, TEXAS

March 14, 1951

Mr. David Gallagher
DMA Office
Independent Building
221 W. Third Street
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

In all probability you have a copy of Mr. Holderer's letter of March 2 to Mr. Chenoweth of Dallas, Texas, advising that an examination of Mr. Chenoweth's properties near Mena, Arkansas will be made.

I am certain that everyone concerned will be happy to allow Mr. McElvenny to take my place with respect to the examination, as I am sure that the inclusion of my name on the examining team was an error.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Seibel
Regional Director
Region VI

Copy to: R. G. Knickerbocker

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CECIL B. CHENOWETH
523 REPUBLIC BANK BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS

March 14, 1951

Mr. George B. Holderer
Acting Chairman
Manganese, Chrome, Tungsten Branch
Defense Minerals Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Holderer:

Thank you for your letter of March 2, 1951, regarding the inspection of our properties near Mena, Arkansas by a DMA Field Team. My associates and I appreciate this information very much.

I am sending a copy of your letter to our Consulting Engineer, Mr. Morgan G. Huntington, who is now staying in Washington, D. C. at 3100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. We are asking that Mr. Huntington visit you in your office and act as our representative in dealing with you and your Staff.

You may rest assured that Mr. Huntington will arrange to be in Mena and meet the DMA Field Team at any time you so designate. We will appreciate it very much if you will phone collect and advise Mr. S. Austin Wier, my associate, or me when you expect the Team to be in Mena. Mr. Wier's telephone number is the same as that shown on this letter head.

Please be assured that we will do anything within our power to expedite this matter, and we will appreciate any suggestions at any time from your office.

Very truly yours,

Cecil B. Chenoweth

Cecil B. Chenoweth

CBC:gd
cc- Mr. C. W. Seibel - Amarillo, Texas
Mr. David Gallagher - Joplin, Missouri

Phone from Mar. 6, 1951 Mn

G.I. 1230 44th St.,

Dumond, Sacramento, Calif. (submitted application ± 9 mos. ago)

Mina, Ark., Mn. T. 3 S, R 31 W. sec.?

Bore Trask Mt. 10-20,000 Tons in site

Hanna Claims 200,000 Tons (Phone to Max Crittenden Mar. 7, 1951

"Thought to be private finance but now find he wants money. Wants contract for $120,000 6,000 Tons/yr. Ore = 7-8% Mn.

Max will send to Dumond, I need do nothing now.

Another Mina Mn is:

Huntington, Am. Mn. Co. also $1.50/unit production costs from Mn in Rhyolite from N.M. — now = $2.75 at present increased costs or devaluation of the dollar, property is at sec. 27 + 26, 34 + 35, T 3 S, R 30 W.

This will (maybe) be coming up.

I told Max about Newton's Mina Mn. also.

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

March 2, 1951

Mr. Cecil Chenoweth
523 Republic Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Chenoweth:

Your two letters of January 16, 1951, addressed to Mr. P. E. Bradley and Mr. Robert H. Ridgway, were referred to me for consideration and reply.

A reply to your letters has been delayed pending a definite decision as to examination of the manganese areas near Mena, Arkansas. I wish to advise at this time that the Field Team, headed by Mr. C. W. Seibel and Mr. David Gallagher, will examine these and other properties as soon as the weather will permit. I will get in touch with you before the trip is made so that you may arrange for one of your engineers to accompany the Team.

A copy of this letter is being mailed to Mr. C. W. Seibel, Regional Director, Region VI, U. S. Bureau of Mines, Amarillo, Texas, and Mr. David Gallagher, Executive, DMA Field Team, Joplin, Missouri, for their information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Geo. B. Holderer

George B. Holderer
Acting Chairman
Manganese, Chrome, Tungsten Branch
DMA

Copy to: Mr. Gallagher