DEFENSE MATERIALS PROCUREMENT AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Mrs. Ethel Ferguson
P. O. Box 1397
El Paso, Texas

MAR 20 1952

Re: DMA-1147
Commodity-Copper

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:

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Very truly yours,

J. B. Gowen

J. B. Gowen, Chief
Copper Branch

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Copy to: Mr. Gowen
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Field Team, Region IV

FERGUSON COPPER PROPERTIES
Mrs. Ethel Ferguson

P. O. Box 1397
El Paso, Texas

January 6, 1952

Mr. Tom Lyon, Director
Program Development Division
Defense Materials Procurement Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lyon: In re: DMA-1147

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/s/
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BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Mrs. Ethel Ferguson
P. O. Box 1397
El Paso, Texas

DEC 17 1951

Dear Mrs. Ferguson: Re: DMA-1147

Your application for a production loan has been reviewed by the Defense Materials Procurement Agency and we are sorry to inform you that it is denied.

After reviewing the material submitted with your application and the material available to the Government it is felt that under the present conditions the question of ownership of the mineral rights to the property does not justify further consideration of your project by the Government. However, the property might have good exploration possibilities. If you are able to furnish evidence of legal rights or can get together with the legal owner to work out a project, it is suggested that you submit an application for exploration aid to the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior for their consideration.

We wish to thank you for bringing the property to the attention of the Government.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon, Director
Program Development Division

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cc: Mr. Feiss
Mr. Young
Mr. Douglas
Region IV
Mr. Lyon
Mr. Gowen
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Denver 2, Colorado

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Memorandum

To: Executive Secretary, Defense Minerals Administration

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 1147, Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, Lost Chance and Working Copper Claims, Cal Red Mountain, Mohave County, Arizona

Enclosed herewith and original and two copies of the report on the above docket, DMA 1147.

We concur with the recommendation of the Field and that the application be denied.

J. H. Koch, Jr.

A. H. Koechman
A. H. Koechman

Enclosures

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cc: DMA

Mining Division
Region IV

September 10, 1952

Memorandum

To: DMA Field Team, Region IV

From: Chief, Mining Division, Region IV

Subject: Memorandum Report, DMA Docket 1167, Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, Lost Chance and Finding Copper Claims, Gold Hand District, Kiowa County, Arizona

The application of the subject docket was for a development loan of $90,000.

The property in question has been subject to litigation for a number of years and recent rulings of the Superior Court are that Mrs. Ferguson has no right title or interest in the claims.

The consulting engineer recommends denial of the application, with which we concur.

W. T. Allman

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cc: DMA

August 31, 1951

Memorandum

To: K. R. Storms

(Through Chief, Mining Division, Region IV)

C. A. Anderson

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Inactive files

Several DMA projects now pending in the field cannot be examined because of pending lawsuits or other conditions which are beyond our control. It is proposed to call in these brochures. The applicant will be notified by this office that his application has been placed in our inactive files and will be returned to the field when we receive notification that the project can be examined.

According to our information, the following brochures in the Arizona-New Mexico Branch Office should be returned to the Regional Office and placed in the inactive file.

DMA-20 - Alto Mining Co., Santa Cruz County, N.M.
DMA-771 - Cesar Lingdall, Sierra County, N.M.
DMA-1147- Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, Pinal County, Arizona

Kindly return the above brochures to this office unless you have more recent information to the effect that these projects may be in shape for inspection in the near future.

If you have any other brochures which you believe should be placed in the inactive file, please notify this office.

J. H. East, Jr.

A. H. Koschmann

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August 7, 1951

Hon. Ernest W. McFarland
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator McFarland:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 30, 1951, requesting an estimate of the time required for a field check on DMA Docket 1147, Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, Ferguson Copper Properties, Pinal County, Arizona.

During the month of June we subordinated all production loans in favor of exploration loans, because of the deadline of June 30 for that type of assistance. Also, we have a considerable backlog of applications to process due to the lack of engineers in this region.

I can assure you that we are doing everything possible to investigate Mrs. Ferguson's property and I believe it will be possible to make the examination during August.

Yours very truly,

J. H. East, Jr.
Executive Officer
DMA Field Team, Region IV

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ERNEST W. McFARLAND
ARIZONA

United States Senate
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D. C.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S
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REGION IV
JUL 5 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

June 30, 1951

Mr. J. H. East, Jr.
Executive Officer
D. M. A. Field Team
Region 4
224 New Custom House
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. East:

Mr. J. B. Gowen, Chief of the Copper Branch, D. M. A., suggested that I contact you relative to the following matter.

Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, Ferguson Copper Properties, P. O. Box 1397, El Paso, Texas, has asked for my assistance in expediting action on her R. F. C. loan application, DMA- 1147. Mr. Gowen has informed me that Mrs. Ferguson's application went to the field on June 7. He was unable to estimate the time necessary for the field check to be made and a report returned, and he suggested that you might supply this information.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. McFarland

Ernest W. McFarland

DMA 1147 (report dated August 1, 1951)

Mrs. Ethel Ferguson's Copper Property (Copper), Pinal County, Ariz. July 20, 1951, applicant wants a loan to develop and bring into production her copper properties north of Oracle Junction. Available information seems to indicate that applicant may not own all of property claimed. Property will be visited when examiners are available.

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have DMA-1147?
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report returned?

Yes — sent to field 6-11-51
Ferguson Copper Mines.

224 New Customhouse
Denver, Colorado

June 11, 1951

Memorandum

To: W. R. Storms

(Through, Chief, Mining Division)

C. A. Anderson

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA 1147, Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, Ferguson Copper mine, Pinal county, Arizona

We enclose the brochure of Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, DMA 1147, for a production loan of $50,000.

Please make the examination and report, bearing in mind that the production loans are subordinate to the exploration loans.

J. H. East, Jr.

A. H. Koschmann

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

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
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BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

June 4, 1951

Re: Docket No. DMA-1147

Mr. J. H. East, Jr.
224 New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Mr. East:

Enclosed is the application of Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, P. O. Box 1397, El Paso, Texas for a production loan of $50,000 for the Ferguson Copper Mine, Pinal County, Arizona.

Please examine this property, first, from a production standpoint to determine if there is enough ore that can be produced without further exploration to warrant this loan. And secondly, if you decide that this loan should not be one of production but should be one to be considered as aid for an exploration project, we would like to have the Field Team representatives consult with Mrs. Ferguson to see if she would consider filing an application for exploration assistance. If that is the case, please supply Mrs. Ferguson with the necessary instructions and forms for making application.

For your information we are enclosing a copy of a letter from Mrs. Ferguson to Dr. James Boyd, dated April 28, 1951; a War Minerals Report of the Bureau of Mines, "Last Chance;" Brief Synopsis of the Ferguson Copper Mine, compiled from a report by J. V. McConnell; a newspaper clipping, "Rich Copper Deposit Reported;" Mrs. Ferguson's Plan of Development; a map showing the location of the property; a report on Malone Copper Mine by McConnell and Palmer, dated April 1935. Attached to this report is a map of the workings at "Last Chance Claim," and two copies of the application for the loan, NSRB-146. Please return this file when you have completed your report.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Chairman
Coordinating Committee

Enclosures

APPROVED:

Lowell B. Moon
Member, Bureau of Mines

Olaf P. Rove
Member, Geological Survey

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

June 4, 1951

Re: Docket No. DMA-1147

Mrs. Ethel Ferguson
P.O. Box 1397
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:

Your letter of April 28, 1951 to Dr. James Boyd with your application and report has been referred to the Copper Branch of the Defense Minerals Administration for study and reply.

We have carefully studied your application and the material you have submitted. We have concluded that your property warrants a study by the Defense Minerals Administration Field Team. You will hear shortly from Mr. J. H. East, Executive Officer, Field Team, Region IV, 224 New Customhouse, Denver 2, Colorado.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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Copy to: Executive Officer, DMA Field Team Region IV,
224 New Customhouse, Denver 2, Colorado w.c.i.
Executive Secretary, w.c.i.
Copper Branch, Room 3423, w.c.i.
Mr. Lyon, w.c.i.
Mr. Moon, w.c.i.
Mr. MacLaren, w.c.i.
Files

February 2, 1951.

Mrs. Ethel Ferguson
Ferguson Copper Properties
P. O. Box 1397
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 30, requesting forms in connection with a government mining loan.

We are enclosing five copies of Form NSRB-146, Application for Government Loan, an outline indicating the type of information you should furnish with your application, and a copy of a press release, dated December 5, describing the type of assistance that can be given to mine enterprises. The last paragraph of the release also outlines the type of information we need.

You should forward four copies of the application to this office or to Dr. James Boyd, Administrator, Defense Minerals Administration, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

We are returning the maps and reports which accompanied your letter in order that you may include them with your application when it is submitted.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. East, Jr.

J. H. East, Jr.
Regional Director

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FERGUSON COPPER PROPERTIES
MRS. ETHEL FERGUSON
P. O. Box 1397
EL PASO, TEXAS

January 30, 1951

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S
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REGION IV
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BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Mr. J. H. East,
204 New Custom House,
Bureau of Mines,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. East:

Will you please send me the forms for a loan to get my mining property in operation.

I desire a $50,000 loan, and unable to get the money from a private source. See enclosed War Minerals Report, and most recently the Bureau of Mines has again asked to re-examine the property.

The past year I have done a little bit of diamond drilling. It is my understanding that each individual mine has to have their own contract as to this government aid.

My property lies between the San Manuel and the Silver Bell of the A.S.&R., with which you are likely familiar.

Anything you can do to facilitate this, or expedite the loan will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ethel Ferguson

(Mrs.) Ethel Ferguson

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P.S.-Please return maps to be attached to my forms.

E.F.