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Re: OME-6341 (Gold-Silver-Platinum-Iron)
Vernon Walter Clifton
Blue Knob Claims
Maricopa County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Clifton:

We have your March 26 letter. Copper is not an eligible metal under the OME program. Concerning the silver and gold assays which you have listed, one or two assays above the general average are usually not of much significance.

In general, you have given us little information of significance, nor would we want to encourage you to mortgage your home for the uncertainty of a mineral exploration project of this sort. We must therefore repeat our denial.

Sincerely yours,

George Fumich, Jr.

Acting Director

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RE: ONE 6341 (GOLD-SILVER-PLATINUM-
IRON) VERNON W. CLIFTON
BLUE KNIFE CLAIMS
MARICOPA COUNTY ARIZONA

SIR,

PLEASE REPLY TO YOUR LETTER AND ONE INFORMATION I HAVE RECEIVED DATED MARCH 24, 1964
RELATIVE TO MY APPLICATION FOR GOVERNMENT MINERAL EXPLORATION ASSIGNMENT. THE
GOVERNMENT IS NOT AT THIS TIME INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY FOR GOLD AND
COPPER. PRICES ON COPPER HAVE BEEN AS HIGH AS \$318.00 PER TON IN THE OXIDE ZONE,
1.5% OF SILVER AND .35 UP TO \$2.50 IN GOLD PER TON. ALTHOUGH ONE ASSAY
SHOWED \$25.00 PER TON IN GOLD, I HAVE DISREGARDED IT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF
THE LOW GRADE THROUGH NEAR THE SURFACE.

ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE REPORTS HAVE BEEN LOW, ALTHOUGH SOME ARE IN THE
NEAR SURFACE OF THE PROPERTY.

IF I HAD MORE ASSAY REPORTS ABOVE THESE AMOUNTS, WOULD THIS MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE
IF I WOULD TRY TO LOCATE THEM.

THE ABOVE MENTIONED GOLD AND SILVER ASSAY MAY BE SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT
EXPLORATION. MY PERSONAL SERVICES IN THE SINKING OF THE SHAFT COVER
I HAD PLANNED TO FABRICATE THE STEEL AND MOLT-CAST THE LOGGING ALONG WITH
THE SERVICE NEEDS OF THE PROJECT. ALTHOUGH MY APPLICATION IS WITH THE USE OF MY
SERVICES, I HAD HOPED TO LOCATE EITHER AN EXPERIENCED MINERS OR A MINING CONTRACTOR
TO BID FOR THE ACTUAL SINKING OF THE SHAFT.

IF THE \$25 THOUSAND DOLLARS IS NOT SUFFICIENT, I WILL NOT AT THIS TIME BE FINANCIALLY
ABLE TO COMMIT MORE. IF I HAVE A FUTURE CHARGE FOR ONE LOAN, IT IS PROBABLE THAT
I WOULD NOT ENTER INTO THE PROJECT WITH ANY MORE THAN ABOUT \$2,000.00 CONSIDERING
I WOULD HAVE TO CARRY THE PROJECT FOR THE FIRST MONTH.

HOWEVER, IF I COULD LOCATE A CONTRACTOR WHO WOULD PUT DOWN PART OF THE COST OF THE
PROJECT THAT PAYMENT WOULD BE AFTER EACH GOVERNMENT APPROVAL, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO
PUT \$2,000.00 TO MY SHARE. OR IF I AM ABLE TO SELL SOME OF THE COPPER, GOLD
AND SILVER, OR SELL SOME OF MY OWN COUNTRY ONE, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO BRING
IN TO THE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR MY SHARE.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION IS, AND IF MY SHARE
WOULD BE SENT IN SUPPORT OF MY FATHERS OR A NEW APPLICATION.

PLEASE REPLY TO YOUR PROMPT REPLY, I WILL AGAIN BE LOOKING TO HEAR FROM YOU.

SINCERELY,

V.W. CLIFTON

Vernon W. Clifton