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MEMORANDUM

To: Mails and Files Branch

From: Ernest Wm. Ellis, Acting Chief
Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division

Subject: Docket DMA-1445X (Tin)
Don McGrew, Box 116, Cartago, California

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Mr. Donald McGrew
Box 116
Cartago, California

Re: Thunder Mountain Tin
DMA docket - 1445X

Dear Mr. McGrew:

Reference is made to our letter of June 12, 1951 covering your application, dated May 26, 1951 for exploration assistance for an undetermined sum of money.

Inasmuch as we have had no reply from you regarding our request for information needed to permit further consideration of your application, we wish to advise that unless we hear from you within sixty days, we will consider your file closed and your application as withdrawn.

Very truly yours,
Weston Bourret

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Weston Bourret, Chief
Minor and Rare Metals

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cc: Adm. Reading File
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 19, 1951

Mr. Donald McGrew
Box 116
Cartago, California

Subject: DMA-1445X
Re: Exploration Loan

My dear Mr. McGrew:

Receipt is acknowledged of your application and attachments for an exploration loan under the Defense Production Act of 1950.

The application was assigned Docket Number DMA-1445X and referred to Mr. Weston G. Bourret, Acting Chief, Minor and Rare Metals Branch on June 5, 1951.

In any future correspondence relating to your application, kindly refer to DMA-1445X.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Secretary

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

June 12, 1951

Mr. Don McGrew
P. O. Box 116
Cartago, California

Re: Thunder Mountain Tin
DMA docket - 1445x

Dear Mr. McGrew:

Your application of May 28, 1951 requesting an exploration project for an undetermined sum of money, has been referred to the Minor and Rare Metals Branch of the Supply Division.

I am enclosing herewith 5 copies of MF-103 to be used in applying for government exploration projects. Unfortunately, the forms used by you are incomplete in regard to some of the most important material required. Before we can process your application it will be necessary for you to supply in detail answers to the various questions asked. Please prepare a report following the form outlined in the questionaire.

Yours very truly,

Weston Bourret
Acting Chief
Minor and Rare Metals

Enclosure

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Form MF-103
(April 1951)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

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# APPLICATION FOR AID FOR AN EXPLORATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO MINERAL ORDER 5, UNDER DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950

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Docket No. DMA 1445 X

Date received 5-31-51

Participation

Name and address of applicant

DON McGREW
BOX 116
CARTAGO,
CALIFORNIA.

Date May 28-1951

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Date of application May 28-1951

Estimated cost Determined after Survey

Mineral or metal Tin, titanium, gallium

Percentage of Government participation 90%

Location of mine Thunder Mountain, Argus Range, Inyo County, Calif.

Date of filing MF-100

DMA Docket Number, if available 1445X

## INSTRUCTIONS

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Mr. Bouvret

Don McGrew
President U.S. Tintype Corporation
Box II6, Cartago, California.

May 3I - I95I.

Dr. James Boyd,
Administrator,
Defense Minerals Administration,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

DMA 119 new application as DMA 14452

Dear Dr. Boyd:

This is to inform you that I have at hand two assays from the Custom Assay Office, El Paso, Texas. The wood tin samples submitted to them showed 20% tin. The BB samples show I5 per cent tin. The assays are from the ore in my deposit in depth in Shepherd Canyon, Inyo County, Californ at a point or site three or more miles to eastward of the eastern boundary line of the Navy Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California.

BB is my identification "slug" on specimens from my Thunder Mountain Bucking Bronco claim. Preliminary spectographic analysis, qualitative but not quantitative, show iron as the chief constituent, silicon and barium as the intermediate constituents, and minor percentages of tin, aluminum, titanium, gallium, and silver showing. I am expecting additional reports on this heavily concentrated and complex ore from the Dupont firm, Smith-Emery, and the Custom Assay Office, and when completed will inform you.

This is in reference to my new application for an exploratory loan, dated May 28,I95I, on new findings in an old canyon.

The tin is there, Doctor.

Very truly yours,

Don McGrew

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Jim McGraw
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May 28 - 1951

DMA
1445X

Dr. James Boyd,
Administrator
Defense Minerals Administration,
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Boyd:

Attached are four forms. They are to apply for exploration aid from the Government, with the ultimate aim of developing strategic ores found on my Thunder Mountain Zinc claims. These are located in the Argus Range, Inyo County, Calif.

This application is not to be confused with DMA-119. The claims involved are in Shepherd Canyon and adjacent draws. But the most westerly claim is better than two miles to eastward of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station claimed eastern boundary.

Since preliminary spectographic qualitative analysis show the presence of tin, titanium and gallium I placed the percentage of Government participation as 90%. That is for your final determination, after a thorough survey. It is a large scale project. There is water available. Iron appears to be the major constituent in the ore, with silicon and ferrous intermediate constituents. The concentration is heavy, and in depth. It can be reached from the Trona side (eastern) of the Argus Range. There is a possibility that the ore in sight can be used as a flux in gold and silver smelters, or as a flux in the steel mills.

The men interested with me, as potential employees, are interested primarily

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2 Dr. James Boyd.

in making money. They are practical mining and business men. They have, as follows, authorized me to use their names as potential employers.- Archie Campbell, Supt., 39 W. 10th St. Reno, Nevada. - Angelo Bonetti, Chief Maintenance Engineer - to-ki now employed as Machine Shop Foreman, Darwin Mines, Darwin, Calif. - Ray Terrell, Master Diamond Driller, Darwin Mines, Darwin, Calif. - Herbert Mills, Electrical Engineer, Darwin Mines, Darwin, Calif. - Charles Luscott, store and mine operator, Darwin, Calif. - Ray Knowles, Darwin Mines, Darwin, Calif. - R.W. Butler, same mine.

All are now showing are of strategic importance. The geologic probability of making a significant discovery seems to me to be established by the fact that tin shows up in specimens taken from a wide range in that canyon. The men above listed came to me voluntarily. They are hard workers. Not one of them wants to squander money unnecessarily, any more than I do. As to power I have the word of Stuart A. Cardiff, Commercial Agent, Calif. Electric Power Co., Box 512, Riverside, Calif. That his company's engineers have decided that they can come around to southward of the Panamint range and up to northward via Searles Lake to reach our site, and can furnish better than 10,000 h.p. if needed. At present costs the power installation will approximate an expenditure of $1,000,000, to be put up by the operator but repaid in the form of 2% monthly reduction on bills for power furnished.

On this account I am reasonably certain that my Government will be fully protected in making the exploratory loan, and the ultimate loan of

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Dr. James Boyd.

$5,000.00 upon which to draw for equipment which may be mutually decided upon. With a top priority order from you it will be possible to obtain my share of the financing.

Further assays are being conducted and upon these I will keep you informed. In the interim I have been studying with interest your 1947 report on electric smelting of low grade nickel ores.

Very truly yours.

Don McGrew

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