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Office of Minerals Exploration
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

February 26, 1968

Mr. Virgil E. Webster
Mrs. Betty A. Webster
Mr. Owen Byles
401 Cindy Lane
Coalinga, California 93210

Re: DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Mine
Fresno County, Calif.

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Webster and Mr. Byles:

This office is in receipt of a request from Mr. John H. Humphrey, 7331 W. 88th Street, Los Angeles, California 90045, for a copy of an assay map of part of the Archer Mine contained in our files for the subject DMEA docket. Mr. Humphrey furnished a copy of a statement signed by you, dated January 8, 1968, indicating your ownership of the property but the statement does not contain an authorization for us to release the map to Mr. Humphrey. Inasmuch as this was probably an oversight and you are willing for Mr. Humphrey to have the map, I am enclosing a copy with this letter so that you can give it to him. A copy of this letter is also being sent to Mr. Humphrey.

Sincerely yours,

H. K. Stager
Field Officer
OME, Region II

Enclosure:
Assay map of Archer Mine

cc: Mr. John H. Humphrey
Chief, OME, WDC ✓
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Memorandum

To: Field Officer, Region II
From: Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration
Subject: DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Mine
Fresno County, California

This is in reference to your memorandum of February 16, 1968, enclosing the following documents:

Letter to you dated February 15, 1968, from Mr. John E. Humphrey.
Statement to "Whom it May Concern" dated January 8, 1968,
concerning ownership of the Archer Mine and the Operator's
interest in the property.
Copy of Assay Map of the Archer Mine.

The enclosed statement is accepted as evidence of the current ownership of the property and the abandonment of all interest in the property by the Operator under the contract. We do not find any authorization in the statement of ownership, however, to furnish a copy of the Assay Map to anyone and we have no other record of such authorization.

We are returning the copy of the map to you with the suggestion that you send it to the current owners of the property who may give it to Mr. Humphrey if that is their intent.

cc: Director's reading file
Division file
Economic Geology file
~~OME~~ file

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson

Enclosure

OME reading file

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Memorandum

February 16, 1968

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

From: Field Officer
Region II

Subject: DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Mine
Fresno County, Calif.

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Enclosed is a letter from Mr. John H. Humphrey, present operator of the subject property, including a letter of authorization from the owners to release a copy of the assay map to him. Also enclosed is a copy of the map (made on the Bruning 2100 copier) that can be sent to Mr. Humphrey if you approve his request.

Mr. Lobanov, of Ydrametals Corporation, is no longer interested in the property and need not be sent a copy as originally requested.

*No authorization -
only a statement
regarding ownership*

H. K. Stager
H. K. Stager

Enclosures

JOHN H. HUMPHREY *Consultant*

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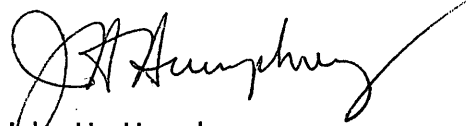
February 15, 1968

Mr. H. K. Stager
Field Officer
OME, Region II
US Dept of the Interior
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Mr. Stager:

As requested in your letter of January 9, 1968 I have obtained and have attached a statement from the present owners of the Archer mine claims, authorizing your office to issue to me the copy of the assay map discussed in my previous letter. Please advise the charges and I will send you a check forthwith.

Sincerely yours,



John H. Humphrey

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OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
MENLO PARK, CALIF.

401 Cindy Lane
Coalinga, California 93210
January 8, 1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, VIRGIL E. WEBSTER and BETTY A. WEBSTER, husband and wife, and OWEN BYLES, are the sole owners of certain mining claims situated in Sections 2 and 3, Township 19 South, Range 13 East, M.D.B. & M., Fresno County, California, which are commonly described as ARCHER MINE CLAIM No. 1, ARCHER MINE CLAIM No. 2, ARCHER MINE CLAIM No. 3, ARCHER MINE CLAIM No. 4, ARCHER MINE CLAIM No. 5, ARCHER MINE CLAIM No. 6, and ARCHER MINE CLAIM No. 7, together with five (5) millsites. Our title thereto came from the Estate of BEN J. BYLES, Deceased, who previously owned said mining claims and who devised them to BETTY BYLES WEBSTER and OWEN BYLES, in equal shares. Thereafter BETTY BYLES WEBSTER deeded her undivided one-half interest in said mining claims to VIRGIL E. WEBSTER and BETTY A. WEBSTER (herself), husband and wife, as Joint Tenants.

We have been acquainted with the aforesaid ARCHER MINING CLAIMS for many years, and intimately acquainted with the ownership and leasehold interests therein since long prior to 1950.

Back in the early 1950's the aforesaid ARCHER MINING CLAIMS were leased by BEN J. BYLES and NORMA A. BYLES, husband and wife, then owners of said claims, to one ROBERT PRIOR, who did business under the fictitious name and style of ARCHER MINING COMPANY.

The undersigned have been advised that in about 1952 or 1953 ROBERT PRIOR made an application to the Office of Mineral Exploration for a loan and as a part of the application attached a certified sampling analysis of the lower level of the Archer Mine. ROBERT PRIOR abandoned the ARCHER MINING CLAIMS in 1953 or 1954, left the vicinity in which said mining claims are located, and to the best knowledge of each of the undersigned has never returned, and the undersigned do not know his present whereabouts or how or where to contact him.

By a Mining Lease dated January 13, 1964, BEN J. BYLES and NORMA A. BYLES, husband and wife, leased said Archer Mining Claims to ROBERT W. ALLSOP, and said mining lease is still in full force and effect, though the undersigned are informed and believe that ROBERT H. ALLSOP and RALPH W. ALLSOP sublet said mining lease to JOHN H. HUMPHREY. And the undersigned are further informed and believe that said JOHN H. HUMPHREY has further sublet said mining lease to a limited partnership under the name and style of ARCHER MINING COMPANY, of which the undersigned have been advised that JOHN H. HUMPHREY is the general partner, but the undersigned are not advised of the names of the limited partners nor whether or not there are additional general partners other than the said JOHN H. HUMPHREY. However, the undersigned do not believe that the ROBERT PRIOR who made an application for a loan from the Office of Mineral Exploration

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Coalinga, California 93210
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in 1952 or 1953, or any other person who may ever have been an applicant for such a loan has any interest whatsoever in the said mining claims or mining lease at this time. In other words, the undersigned declare, on information and belief, which they believe to be true, that neither ROBERT PRIOR nor any other person who was the applicant for a loan in 1952 or 1953 has any present interest or right in or to the ARCHER MINING CLAIMS or the BYLES-ALLSOP Mining Lease, and none of the undersigned knows where or how to contact said ROBERT PRIOR.

Virgil E. Webster
VIRGIL E. WEBSTER

Betty A. Webster
BETTY A. WEBSTER

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Office of Minerals Exploration
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

January 9, 1968

Mr. John H. Humphrey
Archer Mining Company
7331 W. 88th Street
Los Angeles, Calif. 90045

Re: DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Mine
Fresno County, Calif.

Dear Mr. Humphrey:

In order for the Office of Minerals Exploration to release copies of the assay map of the Archer Mine to you and to Mr. Lobanov, it will be necessary for you to obtain a letter from the present owners of the property authorizing us to do so. When we receive this authorization we will be able to send copies of the map to you.

Sincerely yours,

H. K. Stager
Field Officer
OME, Region II

cc: Mr. Nicholas Lobanov
Ydrametals Corporation
527 Madison Avenue
New York City, N. Y. 10022

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JOHN H. HUMPHREY *Consultant*

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7331 W. 88th St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90045 • Phone (213) 670-4707

Jan. 2, 1967

DMEA-2887

Mr. Harold K. Stager
U. S. Geological Survey
345 Middlefield Rd.
Menlo Park, Calif. 94025

Archer Mine

Dear Mr. Stager:

As General Partner of the Archer Mining Company I am the present Lessee of the property. I am attaching a copy of a Certificate of Limited Partnership and a copy of a Sublease under which we operate. I am also attaching a copy of Affidavit of Annual Labor, dated Aug., 1967, filed by Peter Hansen, our resident manager. Mr. Aubrey H. Seed, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 706, Coalinga, Calif. 93210 is the attorney for the present Lessors, heirs of Ben J. and Norma A. Byles. The Lessors names are Mrs. Betty Byles Webster and Mr. Owen Byles. Should there be any question please contact Mr. Aubrey Seed.

Mr. Nicholas Lobanov of Ydrametals Corporation will be in Menlo Park to visit your office on Jan. 4, 1967. You are authorized to furnish him any information available at your office regarding the Archer mine, that would legally be available to me. I understand that some time in 1953 or before the Lessee at that time, who I understand was Robert Prior, made an application for an OME loan, and may have supplied some geological information that may be of value to us.

One condition of furnishing Mr. Lobanov with copies of any records or documents is that copies also be furnished to me at the above address. I am certain Mr. Lobanov will gladly pay the cost of any duplicating service or telephone expense calling Mr. Seed. Mr. Seed's telephone is 209-935-2746.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


John H. Humphrey
General Partner
Archer Mining Company

CC: Mr. Nicholas Lobanov
Ydrametals Corporation
527 Madison Ave.
New York, New York, 10022

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OFFICE OF MINERAL EXPLORATION
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
MENLO PARK, CALIF.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Memorandum

January 4, 1968

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

From: Field Officer
Region II

Subject: DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
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Enclosed is a request from the Archer Mining Company, the present operator of the Archer Mine, requesting information available in our files. Specifically they wish two copies of the assay map of the Archer Mine that was contained in the subject DMEA application.

Mr. N. Lobanov, of Ydrametals Corporation, stopped in this office this morning enroute to the mine for an examination and I allowed him to look at the map. Inasmuch as the lower level of the mine is now largely inaccessible because of caving ground, the assay map is of considerable value and he wishes to obtain a copy as soon as possible. I told him I would forward the request to Washington, D. C. and would send him, and Mr. Humphrey, copies of the map as soon as I am authorized to do so.

I have tried to contact Mr. Aubrey H. Seed, attorney for the present owners of the property, but have not been able to reach him by telephone. His number in Coalinga, Calif. is (area 209) 935-2746, if you wish to try to reach him.


H. K. Stager

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SUBLEASE

This Sublease is entered into by and between Robert H. Allsop and Ralph W. Allsop, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Allsop", and Archer Mining Company, a limited partnership, hereinafter referred to as "Archer".

WHEREAS, on or about January 13, 1964, Allsop entered into a certain Mining Lease with Ben J. Byles and Norma A. Byles, which Mining Lease was recorded on August 28, 1964 as Document 66788 in Book 5057, Page 613, of the Official Records of Fresno County, California; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 8, 1966, Allsop and John H. Humphrey entered into a written sublease of the property referred to in said Mining Lease, which sublease was recorded on March 9, 1966 as Document 18398, in Book 5284, Page 667, of the Official Records of Fresno County, California; and

WHEREAS, said John H. Humphrey thereafter assigned to Archer all of his interest in said sublease, and Archer assumed all of John H. Humphrey's obligations thereunder, and said John H. Humphrey was thereby released from all of his individual obligations under said sublease; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto now desire to terminate said sublease and to enter into a new sublease of said property in accordance with the provision of said sublease of March 8, 1966;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Incorporation of Mining Lease The parties hereto represent and warrant that they have read said Mining Lease and said sublease of March 8, 1966 and that they are familiar with the provisions thereof. Said Mining Lease is hereby incorporated in this Sublease as though fully set forth herein.

2. Property Subleased Allsop hereby subleases to Archer, and Archer hires from Allsop, on the terms and conditions herein set forth, all of the property, real and personal, leased to Allsop in said Mining Lease including all mining claims, millsites, and equipment referred to therein.

3. Termination of Prior Sublease Said sublease of March 8, 1966 is hereby terminated as of the date of this Sublease as hereinafter set forth.

4. Warranties of Allsop Allsop represents and warrants:

(a) That said Mining Lease is, at the time of execution hereof, in full force and effect, that all of the terms, covenants, and conditions to be performed by Allsop under said Mining Lease have been fully performed, and that Allsop now holds all of the rights granted to Allsop under said Mining Lease free and clear of any claims of any other person or persons thereto, except the interest of Archer as provided for in said sublease of March 8, 1966.

(b) That all of the equipment referred to in said Mining Lease is now located on the premises leased thereby and is in good condition and repair.

(c) That the ore cars and skiploader referred to in paragraph 2 of said Mining Lease have been recovered and placed upon or beside the tracks referred to in said paragraph.

(d) That Allsop has not violated any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of said Mining Lease and has received no notice of any default thereunder from the

lessors named in said Mining Lease or from their successors in interest.

(e) That said mining claims are in good working order and condition, except only for reasons caused or created by Act of God or beyond the control of Allsop.

(f) That all rents and royalties provided for in said Mining Lease which became due on or before March 8, 1966 were paid by Allsop to said lessors or to their successors in interest and that, as of March 8, 1966, there were no unpaid rents or royalties due under said Mining Lease.

(g) That, each year during which said Mining Lease was in force up to March 8, 1966, Allsop did at least \$100.00 worth of labor or improvements on each of said mining claims and recorded, or caused to be recorded, annually all Proofs of Labor or Affidavits of Assessment of Work for the joint benefit of said lessors and of Allsop necessary to keep said mining claims in good standing under the mining laws of the United States and of the State of California.

(h) That, up to March 8, 1966, Allsop obtained and kept in force all insurance provided for in paragraph 23 of said Mining Lease and has furnished to the lessors thereunder, or to their successors in interest, certification of such insurance as required by said paragraph.

(i) That, up to March 8, 1966, Allsop paid all taxes agreed to be paid by Allsop under the provisions of paragraph 4 of said Mining Lease and that, as of March 8, 1966, there were no taxes due and unpaid with respect to said premises.

(j) That there are no mechanics or other liens

upon said premises arising from any operations of Allsop thereon or from any operations of Allsop under said Mining Lease and that Allsop has not incurred any obligations or liabilities to said lessors, or to their successors in interest, by reason of any acts or omissions of Allsop in the conduct of his operations on said premises.

5. Rent and Royalties As rent for the property subleased hereby, Archer has paid to Allsop the sum of \$7,000.00, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Allsop. In addition thereto, Archer shall pay monthly royalties to Allsop's nominee Perry M. Heard in an amount equal to 10% of the excess, if any, over \$300.00 per flask, of the net proceeds collected by Archer each month for sales of mercury produced from ore extracted from the premises subleased hereby up to a maximum of a total amount of \$50,000.00. For the purposes of this Sublease, "net proceeds" shall be deemed to be the amount actually received by Archer for such sales after deducting all commissions, weighing charges, and other amounts ordinarily deducted by the buyer, less the cost of transporting the mercury from said premises to the buyer.

6. Performance of Obligations of Mining Lease During the continuance of this Sublease, Archer shall pay directly to the successors in interest of the lessors named in said Mining Lease all amounts required to be paid to said Lessors by Allsop under the terms thereof, and, in addition thereto, Archer shall perform, during the continuance of this Sublease, all of the obligations of Allsop under said Mining Lease except the following:

(a) Recovery of ore cars and skiploader and placing thereof upon or beside tracks as provided for in

paragraph 2 of said Mining Lease.

(b) Archer shall have no obligation to keep the mine tunnels, drains, vents or escape passages open for drainage or for entrance or exit as provided for in paragraph 19 of said Mining Lease except in so far as said mining tunnels, drains, vents, and escape passages were open for drainage and for entrance and exit on March 8, 1966.

During the continuance of this Sublease, Archer shall, except as otherwise provided for herein and in so far as the same are applicable hereto, be obligated to Allsop to perform all of the obligations required to be performed by Allsop for said lessors under the terms of said Mining Lease and shall have with respect to Allsop all of the rights over said premises granted to Allsop by said Mining Lease.

7. Term This Sublease shall become effective as of the date hereof and shall, unless terminated by a breach hereof, continue in force until the termination of said Mining Lease. If, at any time prior to January 13, 1969, Archer gives notice to Allsop that it is ready, willing, and able to pay the sum required to purchase the rights of said lessors, or their successors in interest, as provided for in paragraph 20 of said Mining Lease, Allsop shall, upon the request of Archer, forthwith exercise his option to purchase such rights from said lessors as provided for in paragraph 20 of said Mining Lease, shall allow Archer to pay said sum directly to the successors in interest of said lessors, and shall, concurrently with the conveyance to Allsop by the successors in interest of said lessors of the mining claims, mill-sites, and mining equipment referred to in said Mining Lease, convey the same to Archer. Allsop shall also exercise any and all options to renew said Mining Lease which he may be requested

to exercise by Archer during the continuance hereof.

8. Arbitration and Attorney's Fees In the event of any controversy between Allsop and Archer regarding this Sublease, or any right or obligation arising hereunder, the same need not be arbitrated but may be arbitrated if both of the parties hereafter agree to such arbitration. In the event that any suit, action, or proceeding, including arbitration, be commenced by either of the parties hereto with respect to this Sublease or to any such right or obligation, the prevailing party shall, in addition to such other relief as may be awarded, recover reasonable attorneys fees. The provisions of this paragraph shall, as between Archer and Allsop, supersede all provisions of said Mining Lease regarding disputes and/or controversies.

9. Assignment by Allsop Allsop may assign any of his rights hereunder; provided, however, that no such assignment shall, without the express written consent of Archer, operate to relieve Allsop of any of his obligations hereunder.

10. Hold Harmless Allsop shall protect and hold harmless Archer against any and all loss, cost, damage, and expense, including attorneys' fees, and against any and all liability therefor, sustained or incurred by Archer in connection with, or by reason of, or arising in any manner out of, any breach, or any claim of breach, of the warranties of Allsop set forth herein, or any of them, including, but not limited to, all expenses incurred by Archer in organizing a business to operate the mines leased hereby, in acquiring equipment to operate said mines, and all loss of profits sustained by Archer by reason of such breach.

11. Successors in Interest The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit

of any and all successors in interest of the parties hereto.

12. Entire Agreement This Sublease constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof, and there shall be no modification or waiver of any of the terms hereof except by written agreement signed by both of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Sublease in duplicate this 21ST day of SEPT., 1966.

SUBLESSORS

Robert H. Allsop
ROBERT H. ALLSOP

Ralph W. Allsop
RALPH W. ALLSOP

SUBLESSEE

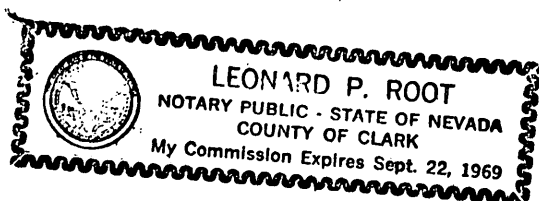
ARCHER MINING COMPANY, a limited partnership

By John H. Humphrey
JOHN H. HUMPHREY,
General Partner

STATE OF NEVADA }
COUNTY OF MINERAL } ss.

On this 21ST day of SEPT., 1966, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared ROBERT H. ALLSOP known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate of acknowledgment first above written.



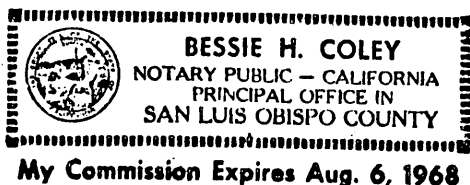
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Leonard P. Root
Notary Public in and for said
County and State

STATE OF)
COUNTY OF) ss.
San Luis Obispo

On this 7th day of October, 1966, before me,
the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County
and State, personally appeared RALPH W. ALLSOP known to me to
be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument,
and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate
of acknowledgment first above written.



Bessie H. Coley
Notary Public in and for said
County and State

STATE OF)
COUNTY OF) ss.

On this 21st day of SEPT., 1966, before me,
the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and
State, personally appeared JOHN H. HUMPHREY known to me to be a
general partner in Archer Mining Company, the partnership that
executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that said
partnership executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate
of acknowledgment first above written.

E. M. Woolard
Notary Public in and for said
County and State

E. M. WOOLARD
My Commission Expires Oct. 1, 1968

AFFIDAVIT OF ANNUAL LABOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF FRESNO)

PETER HANSEN, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That at least One Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$100.00) worth of labor was performed and improvements were made since 12:00 o'clock noon on the 1st day of September, 1966, upon each of the following described mining claims situate in the County of Fresno, State of California:

<u>Name of Claim</u>	<u>Location</u>
ARCHER MINE CLAIM	
No. 1.	Sec. 3, T. 19 S., R.13 E., M.D.M.
No. 2.	Sec. 3, T. 19 S., R.13 E., M.D.M.
No. 3.	Sec. 3, T. 19 S., R.13 E., M.D.M.
No. 4.	Sec. 3, T. 19 S., R.13 E., M.D.M.
No. 5.	Sec. 3, T. 19 S., R.13 E., M.D.M.
No. 6.	Sec. 3, T. 19 S., R.13 E., M.D.M.
No. 7.	Sec. 3, T. 19 S., R.13 E., M.D.M.

Said expenditures were made and said labor was performed by or at the expense of VIRGIL E. WEBSTER and BETTY A. WEBSTER, husband and wife, and OWEN BYLES, the owners of said mining claims, for the purpose of complying with the federal and California mining laws pertaining to annual assessment work.

Dated: August 25, 1967.

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before

me this 25th day of August, 1967



DONNA M. BOOTH
 Notary Public in and for said County
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 My commission expires March 16, 1970.

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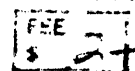
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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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The undersigned, desiring to form a limited partnership under the Uniform Limited Partnership Act, as set forth in Title 2, Chapter 2, of the California Corporations Code, hereby make the following certificate:

I. The name of the partnership is ARCHER MINING COMPANY.

II. The character of the business of the partnership is the acquisition of mines, mining claims, and interests therein, including the acquisition of The Archer Mine located near Coalinga, California, or some interest or interests therein, the mining of ore and minerals, the smelting, processing, and sale of ore and minerals, and any and all other business or businesses related or incidental thereto.

III. The location of the principal place of business of the partnership is 7331 West 88th Street, Los Angeles, California 90045.

IV. The names and places of residence of the members of the partnership are as follows:

General Partner

John H. Humphrey 7331 West 88th Street
Los Angeles, California 90045

Limited Partners

John H. Humphrey 7331 West 88th Street
Los Angeles, California 90045

Daryl Von Draska 7529 PIPER PLACE
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90045

Howard W. Wilson 5804 WILSHIRE BLVD.
EDINA (MPS), MINN. 55436

Richard A. Parker 10895 CHALON ROAD
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90024

John W. Diehl 5729 ELDER PLACE
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53705

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V. The partnership is to continue for an indefinite term.

VI. Each of said limited partners has contributed \$1,200.00 cash to the partnership. The limited partners have contributed no property other than cash to the partnership.

VII. Each of the limited partners has agreed to contribute an additional \$800.00 in cash to the partnership within 30 days from the date hereof, and each of the limited partners has also agreed to contribute an additional \$8,000.00 in cash to the partnership when and if a plan for the operation of The Archer Mine by the partnership is prepared and approved by the holders of a majority of the voting interests in the partnership.

In the event that such a plan of operation is so agreed upon, the general partner, John H. Humphrey, shall, in consideration of his services in organizing the partnership and in setting up the business thereof, receive the sum of \$3,333.33, in cash, which sum he shall forthwith pay to the partnership as an additional capital contribution over and above the other amounts of capital, in the sum of \$10,000.00, which he shall then have contributed or be obligated to contribute to the partnership.

In the event that such a plan of operation is so agreed upon and that Robert H. Allsop and Ralph W. Allsop, the present lessees of The Archer Mine, execute a new sublease of The Archer Mine in favor of the partnership in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of that certain sublease dated March 8, 1966 between John H. Humphrey and Robert H. Allsop and Ralph W. Allsop, such new sublease executed in accordance with the provisions of said paragraph 8 shall

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constitute a contribution to the capital of the partnership by the Allsops equivalent to a cash contribution in the sum of \$8,000.00, and said Robert H. Allsop and Ralph W. Allsop, or their nominees, shall be made limited partners in the partnership and shall receive an interest in the partnership proportionate to said \$8,000.00 capital contribution.

In the event that such a plan of operation is so agreed upon, and in the event that it is determined by the general partner that, in order to properly operate and finance the business of the partnership, it is necessary to give to the manufacturer of a smelting furnace or furnances an interest in the partnership, said manufacturer shall be made a limited partner in the partnership and any furnace or furnances contributed to the partnership by such manufacturer shall be considered a capital contribution and shall be evaluated at such amount as may be determined by the general partner, provided, however, that such contribution shall in no event exceed an amount greater than 25% of the total of all capital contributions to the partnership provided for herein.

In the event that such a plan of operation is so agreed upon, any geologists, attorneys, engineers and accountants who, at the request of the general partner, have performed services in the formation or organization of the partnership or in the preparation of said plan of operation or the acquisition of property to be used in the partnership may, with the approval of the holders of a majority of the voting interests in the partnership, become limited partners in the partnership and make contributions in cash to the partnership, provided, however,

that the total of all contributions by such geologists, attorneys, engineers, and accountants shall not exceed \$5,333.33.

VIII. The contribution of each limited partner is to be returned only upon the dissolution of the partnership.

IX. Each limited partner is to share in the profits or other compensation by way of income in proportion to his capital contribution to the partnership.

X. No limited partner has any right to substitute an assignee as contributor in his place. The assignee or other transferee of a limited partner may become a substituted limited partner only with the consent of the holders of four-fifths of the voting interests in the partnership.

XI. Additional limited partners may be brought into the partnership upon the conditions hereinabove mentioned or with the consent of the holders of four-fifths of the voting interests in the partnership.

XII. No limited partner has any priority over any other limited partner as to contributions or as to compensation by way of income.

XIII. The remaining general partner or partners have the right to continue the business of the partnership on the death, retirement, or insanity of a general partner.

XIV. No limited partner has any right to demand or receive property other than cash in return for his contribution except that, if a manufacturer of smelting furnances should become a limited partner and that such manufacturer should contribute a furnance or furnances to the partnership as his capital contribution to the partnership, such manufacturer may,

upon dissolution, have the right to demand back such furnance or furnances in kind; in such event, the furnance or furnances distributed to such partner shall be valued at their fair market value (and the determination of the partners holding a majority of the voting interests in the partnership shall be conclusive as to such fair market value) at the time of dissolution. Such right to demand furnances in kind shall apply whether or not the fair market value of the furnance at the time of distribution is greater than or less than the amount which would otherwise be paid to the partner receiving the same upon dissolution. In the event that such fair market value is less than the total amount due such partner from the liquidation, the distribution of a furnance or furnances to such partner shall be considered as a distribution in cash of the fair market value thereof, and the remaining balance due such partner shall be paid to him in cash.

XV. All of the limited partners referred to in paragraph IV of this Certificate, the general partner, and any general partners hereafter brought into the partnership, shall have voting rights in the partnership, and all such partners with voting rights shall have equal voting rights (i.e., each voting partner shall have one vote). No limited partner hereafter brought into the partnership (whether he is expressly referred to herein or not), nor any assignee or other successor in interest of any partner, nor any substituted limited partner, shall have any voting rights in the partnership unless he is expressly given such rights by the holders of three-fifths of the voting interests in the partnership, in which event such new voting partner shall have equal voting rights with all other partners having voting rights. The matters upon

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which partners, general and limited, have the right to vote and the affirmative vote required to take action on such matters are as follows:

<u>Matters</u>	<u>Vote Required</u>
Contribution of additional capital to the partnership	4/5
Valuation of property contributed other than cash	4/5
Admission of additional limited partners	4/5
Granting of voting rights to limited partners hereafter brought into the partnership or to successors in interest of partners or to substituted limited partners	3/5
Making transferee of an interest in the partnership a substituted limited partner	3/5
Removal of general partner	3/5
Election of additional general partner	3/5
Dissolution of partnership	4/5
Amendment of partnership Agreement	4/5
Determination of fair market value of furnances contributed as capital to the partnership	majority
Approval of plan for operation of The Archer Mine by the partnership	majority
Determination of the salary of the general partner	majority

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed this Certificate this 14 day of APRIL, 1966.

John H. Humphrey
JOHN H. HUMPHREY
General Partner

Daryl Von Draska
DARYL VON DRASKA
Limited Partner

Howard W. Wilson
HOWARD W. WILSON
Limited Partner

Richard A. Parker
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Limited Partner

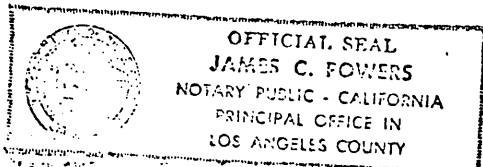
John W. Diehl
JOHN W. DIEHL
Limited Partner

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STATE OF *California* }
COUNTY OF *Los Angeles* } ss.

On this 1st day of April, 1966, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared JOHN H. HUMPHREY known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate of acknowledgment first above written.



James C. Powers
Notary Public in and for Said
County and State

JAMES C. POWERS
My Commission Expires April 7, 1968.

STATE OF *California* }
COUNTY OF *Los Angeles* } ss.

On this 4th day of April, 1966, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared DARYL VON DRASKA known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

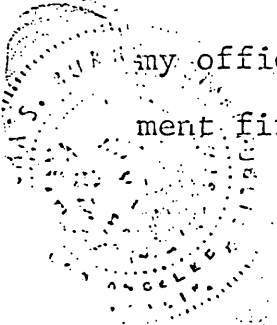
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate of acknowledgment first above written.

Charles Bellante
Notary Public in and for Said
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My Commission Expires March 6th, 1970

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COUNTY OF *Los Angeles* } ss.

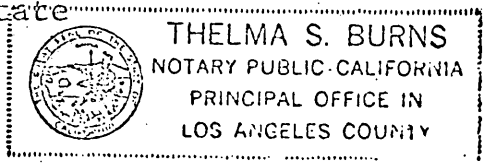
On this 6th day of April, 1966, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared HOWARD W. WILSON known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate of acknowledgment first above written.



Thelma S. Burns
Notary Public in and for Said
County and State

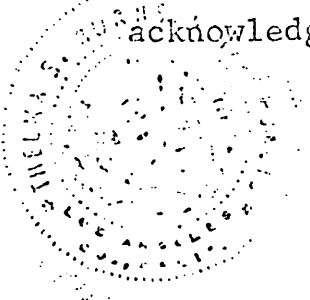
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On this 6th day of April, 1966, before me,

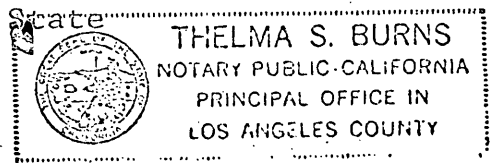
the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared RICHARD A. PARKER known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate of acknowledgment first above written.



Thelma S. Burns
Notary Public in and for Said
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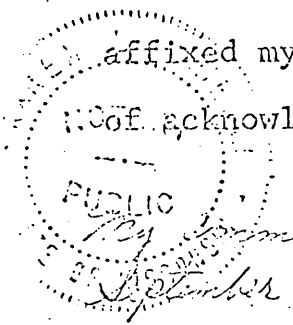
STATE OF Wisconsin }
COUNTY OF Dane } ss.



On this 14th day of April, 1966, before me,

the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared JOHN W. DIEHL known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate of acknowledgment first above written.



Karen L. Diehl
Notary Public in and for Said
County and State

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

FILE COPY
SURNAME:

JUN 25 1953

Mr. Robert D. Prior
1401 Country Club Drive
Richmond, California

Re: Locket No. 17741-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Enterprises
510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 13, California
Archer Enterprises, California

Docket
Thompson
Ellis
Kinkel
Hedges
Selfridge
Johnson

Dear Mr. Prior:

Reference is made to your application for Government aid to explore the captioned project estimated to cost \$2,200.00.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding material of acceptable grade and in quantities that will significantly improve the national supply position for the National Defense Program.

A careful study of your application and data available to this Agency and an examination of the property concerned reveal that the probability of obtaining suitable ore reserves to your proposed exploration program is not warranted to be sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. Under these circumstances, we regret to advise that your application for exploration aid is denied.

Your interest in the exploration program of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and your willingness to participate therein are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf
Administrator

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6-22-53

cc to: Adm. Reading File
Operating Committee
Docket

Mosses: H. M. Meyer, Rm. 3623
A. R. Kinkel, Rm. -2-242A, CSA
Ellis
Knouse / DMA Field Team, Region III (2)



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

JUNE 22, 1953

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Docket No. DMEA-2884

Applicant: Archer Enterprises, by Mr. Robert D. Prior
1604 Country Club Drive
Glendale 8, California

Subject: Denial of application

Commodity: Mercury

Location of property: Archer Mine
Fresno County, California Region III

Amount of application: \$28,200.00

Date of application: February 9, 1953

Outline of project: The Applicant proposed to sink an inclined winze 100 feet from the present lower level of the mine, drifting each way from the bottom of the winze 100 feet to east and to the west; and 100 feet of drifting eastward from the present face of the lower level.

Field Team Report: Dated May 20, 1953 by E. H. Pampeyan, Geologist, U.S.G.S. Field Team, Region III, transmittal letter May 22, 1953.

Recommendations: Denial, as the value of the ore likely to be discovered would not be commensurate with the cost of exploration. Past production was 814 flasks.

Commodity Members' comments:

Bureau of Mines: Miss Helena M. Meyer, dated June 9, 1953. Concurs in the Field Team's belief that the proposed exploration could develop reserves containing 300 flasks of mercury. If this small quantity would be considered significant according to DMEA current standards, she would be willing to approve the proposed application, but believes it would be possible to reduce the cost of cross-cutting below \$70.00 per foot, as suggested in Mr. Glund's appraisal dated March 9, 1953.

JUNE 22, 1953

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROJECT

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Rare & Misc. Metals Division: Engineer: F. L. Knouse

Comments: Letter to Executive Officer, Region III, dated June 17, 1953, and forwarded to Operating Committee, requesting recommendation on alternate program.

Comments: Frank E. Johnson: The above letter was returned to the Division with the following comments:
"Since alternate proposal suggested in letter was included in application, obviously the Field Team considered it in making their recommendation.

Target too small for cost and possible production not significant. In view of ODM policy - all the more reason to deny."

Ernest Wm. Ellis, Chief
Rare & Misc. Metals Division



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

JUNE 22, 1953

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Docket No. DMEA-2004

Applicant: Archer Enterprises, by Mr. Robert D. Prior
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Glendale 8, California

Subject: Denial of application

Commodity: Mercury

Location of property: Archer Mine
Fresno County, California Region III

Amount of application: \$28,200.00

Date of application: February 9, 1953

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Field Team Report: Dated May 20, 1953 by E. H. Pampeyan, Geologist, U.S.G.S. Field Team, Region III, transmittal letter May 22, 1953.

Recommendations: Denial, as the value of the ore likely to be discovered would not be commensurate with the cost of exploration. Past production was 314 flasks.

Commodity Members' comments:

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Rare & Misc. Metals Division

Office of
DMEA Field Team
Region III

1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, Calif.

May 22, 1953

Memorandum

To: George C. Selfridge, Chairman, Operating Committee,
DMEA, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Docket DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Enterprises, Archer Mine
Fresno County, California

Reference is made to your letter dated March 11, 1953,
requesting a field examination of the subject mine.

Attached are four copies of a report entitled "DMEA-2884,
Archer Mine, (Mercury), Fresno County, California," by E. H.
Pampeyan, Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, dated May 20, 1953.

Although the work proposed by the applicant would encounter
quicksilver ore, the examining geologist is of the opinion that the
expected quantity of ore would be much too small to repay the re-
quested DMEA loan. He recommends that the application be denied,
which, of course, in view of mercury having been taken off the list,
will occur automatically.

H. C. MILLER

H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III

Attachment

Copy to: E. H. Bailey, USGS
A. C. Johnson, Reno

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE

6-1-53
(date)

UNITED STATES
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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, D. MCNAY

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM
REGION III

DMEA 2884, Archer Mine (Mercury)
Fresno County, California

E. H. Pampeyan, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

May 20, 1953

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE

6-11-53
(date)

Summary

The Archer Mine, at the southeast edge of the New Idria Quicksilver District in Fresno County, California, consists of 2360 feet of workings on two levels. It explores a fault contact between serpentine and indurated shale. The ore-bearing shears and fractures along the contact found in the upper level were cut in the lower level, and it is believed that they continue downward and would be cut by a third drift paralleling the contact. Because it seems likely that the potential production from new work will be small, it is recommended that the request for Government participation in a \$25,000 exploration program be denied.

Introduction

The Archer Mine is in the NE¹/₄ of sec. 3, T. 19 S., R. 13 E., M38M, southwestern Fresno County, California. The mine is reached by traveling 22 miles on a paved county road northwest from Coalinga, then six miles northeast on a graded dirt road. From Idria, in San Benito County, the property is accessible by traveling southeast about 14 miles over fair dirt roads. The lower portal and mill are approximately 3300 feet above sea level, and the camp is about one mile south from, and 750 feet lower than, the mill.

Cinnabar was discovered on the property in 1904 and has been mined intermittently since that time with a total production of more than 814 flasks. The mine was shut down on or about March 1, 1953 because all surface equipment needed repairs and the operators were applying for a DMEIA loan. The property is owned by B. J. Byles, et al., of Coalinga, California, and is under lease to Archer Enterprises, Los Angeles, California. R. D. Prior is general partner and manager.

The Archer Mine was visited on April 16, 1953, by E. H. Pampeyan and D. B. Tatlock of the U. S. Geological Survey with the purpose of making a field examination and DMEIA report. Maps of the underground workings were brought up to date at this time.

Development

The underground workings are on two levels 205 feet apart. The upper level, consisting of 520 feet of drift and minor crosscuts, is no longer being worked. The lower level consists of a 1000-foot drift that is parallel to the drift on the upper level, and is connected to the surface by a 640-foot crosscut. Raises totaling about 450 feet extend from the lower level; one of the raises connects with the upper level and provides ventilation.

Equipment on the property includes an 80-ton rotary furnace and Gould-type condensing system, hand tools, and about 1400 feet of track in place. Other pieces of equipment, including air compressors, an air locomotive, jack hammers, and a drifter, are owned by the applicant, and all are in need of repair.

Geology

The mine is on the southeast side of the New Idria Quicksilver District at the periphery of an elongate mass of both serpentine and Franciscan rocks that trends northwest. The mass has been pushed up through Cretaceous and younger sediments in a manner similar to the intrusion of a salt dome. Several quicksilver mines are located along the faults that bound the mass of serpentine and Franciscan rocks -- the most prominent being the New Idria mine -- and have been described by Eckel and Myers /.

/ Eckel, E. B., and Myers, W. B., Quicksilver Deposits of the New Idria District, San Benito and Fresno Counties, California: Calif. Jour. Mines Geol., XLII, April 1946, pp. 81-124.

Steeply dipping Upper Cretaceous Panoche shale is found in fault contact with serpentine in the Archer Mine. The Panoche shale in fresh exposures is medium to dark gray and well bedded with beds ranging from one to six inches in thickness. In the vicinity of the mine the strike of the beds is N. 65-80° W. Near the lower portal the beds dip 50-70° south and become less steep farther south. The shale beds are fractured locally, and strongly indurated for a maximum distance of 100 feet from the fault.

Serpentine forms the bulk of the elongate mass of serpentine and Franciscan rocks. It is light to dark green in color, and commonly is highly sheared. Locally, silicified serpentine creeps out in bold relief compared to the weaker, sheared material. Lenses and pods of chromite in the serpentine, which roughly parallel the fault contact, are currently being mined less than one mile northeast of the Archer property.

Some silica-carbonate rock (hydrothermally altered serpentine) was seen underground along the contact between serpentine and shale, but appears to be of minor importance in this particular quicksilver deposit.

The indurated shale is cut by several steeply dipping and vertical shears that trend from N. 45° W. to N. 20° E. (See attached map.) The shears, ranging in thickness from one to five feet, apparently are confined to the indurated shale, as they penetrate neither the serpentine nor the unaltered shale.

Cinnabar, the principal ore mineral, occurs in the shears and a few quartz-filled fractures. Associated minerals include pyrite, marcasite, calcite, and metacinnabar. Veinlets of iron sulphides are common in the indurated shale. No mercury-bearing minerals were seen in the few exposures of silica-carbonate rock.

Reserves

Ore reserves in this type of deposit are difficult to estimate; however, it is possible that the indurated shale and shears extend below the present workings and continue to bear ore. Workings driven parallel to the contact below the present workings would cut the ore-bearing shears if the shears extend downward without interruption, as believed.

Available production records report that at least 300 flasks of quicksilver were produced from the lower level. It seems likely that a similar amount -- more or less -- could be produced from the proposed work assuming the ore-bearing structure does continue downward.

Proposed Exploration

The applicant submitted a proposal requesting Government participation in a \$28,000 exploration program. The proposal sets forth a program that consists of: sinking a 100-foot winze down the dip of the structure at -65° from the lower level; driving 200 feet of drift from the foot of the winze; extending the present lower level 100 feet to the east. The drift from the foot of the winze would parallel the fault contact, and would be extended equally in two directions unless showings were more favorable in one direction. The work would take 12 months to complete, and would be done by contract if found more economical and practical than by the applicant.

The method of exploring the deposit is satisfactory, inasmuch as the ore is related to the shears that are confined to the indurated shale, and the indurated shale occurs along the fault contact. Also, the leads extend downward from the upper level and are more numerous in the lower level. So far as is known, no exploratory work has been done below the lower level.

Cost figures for drifting and sinking included in the application are too high. If a contract is to be awarded, they should be discussed with the operator and scaled down.

Cone drilling, as an alternate method of exploration, would be less expensive but also less satisfactory. The ore in the shears is spotty and, therefore, would be a poor target. Cones are liable to give an inaccurate picture of the individual shears by showing either high or low values that would, in reality, represent only the part of the shear cut by the drill.

It is recommended that Archer Enterprises' request for a DIMEA loan be denied, as the value of the ore likely to be discovered would not be commensurate with the cost of exploration.

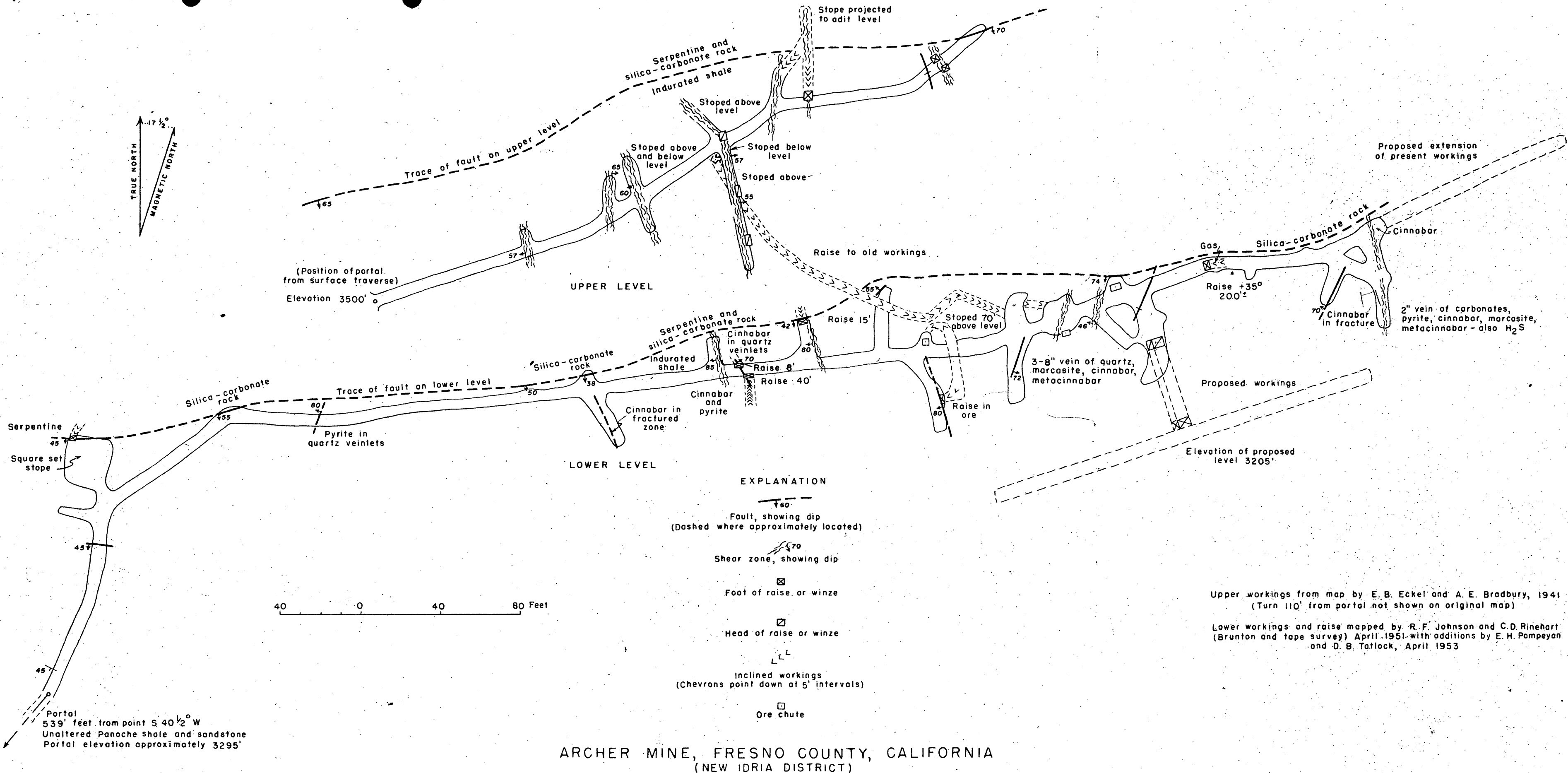
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Upper workings from map by E. B. Eckel and A. E. Bradbury, 1941
(Turn 110' from portal not shown on original map)

Lower workings and raise mapped by R. F. Johnson and C. D. Rinehart
(Brunton and tape survey) April 1951 with additions by E. H. Pompeyan
and D. B. Tatlock, April 1953



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Mr. H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III
1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Enterprises
Archer Mine
Fresno County, California

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APPROVED:

Sincerely yours,

Member, Bureau of Mines

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Ernest Wm. Ellis

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Since additional proposal suggested in letter was included in publication, obviously the staff team was not in minority. Their recommendation target too small for work & general publication not significant. In view of ODM policy, all the more reason to deny.



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Mr. H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
1808 Field Team, Region III
1012 Flood Building
170 Market Street
San Francisco 2, California

Re: Locket No. 171A-2381 (Mercury)
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June 10, 1953

Memorandum

Re: DMEA-2884

To: Mr. E. Wm. Ellis ✓

From: A. R. Kinkel, Jr.

Subject: DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Enterprises, Archer Mine,
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1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, Calif.

May 22, 1953

Memorandum

To: George C. Selfridge, Chairman, Operating Committee,
DMEA, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Docket DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Enterprises, Archer Mine
Fresno County, California

Reference is made to your letter dated March 11, 1953,
requesting a field examination of the subject mine.

Attached are four copies of a report entitled "DMEA-2884,
Archer Mine, (Mercury), Fresno County, California," by E. H.
Pampeyan, Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, dated May 20, 1953.

Although the work proposed by the applicant would encounter
quicksilver ore, the examining geologist is of the opinion that the
expected quantity of ore would be much too small to repay the re-
quested DMEA loan. He recommends that the application be denied,
which, of course, in view of mercury having been taken off the list,
will occur automatically.

H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III

Attachment

Copy to: E. H. Bailey, USGS
A. C. Johnson, Reno

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM
REGION III

DMEA 2884, Archer Mine (Mercury)
Fresno County, California

E. H. Pampeyan, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

May 20, 1953

Summary

The Archer Mine, at the southeast edge of the New Idria Quicksilver District in Fresno County, California, consists of 2360 feet of workings on two levels. It explores a fault contact between serpentine and indurated shale. The ore-bearing shears and fractures along the contact found in the upper level were cut in the lower level, and it is believed that they continue downward and would be cut by a third drift paralleling the contact. Because it seems likely that the potential production from new work will be small, it is recommended that the request for Government participation in a \$28,000 exploration program be denied.

Introduction

The Archer Mine is in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 3, T. 19 S., R. 13 E., MDBM, southwestern Fresno County, California. The mine is reached by traveling 22 miles on a paved county road northwest from Coalinga, then six miles northeast on a graded dirt road. From Idria, in San Benito County, the property is accessible by traveling southeast about 14 miles over fair dirt roads. The lower portal and mill are approximately 3300 feet above sea level, and the camp is about one mile south from, and 750 feet lower than, the mill.

Cinnabar was discovered on the property in 1904 and has been mined intermittently since that time with a total production of more than 814 flasks. The mine was shut down on or about March 1, 1953 because all surface equipment needed repairs and the operators were applying for a DMEA loan. The property is owned by B. J. Byles, et al., of Coalinga, California, and is under lease to Archer Enterprises, Los Angeles, California. R. D. Prior is general partner and manager.

The Archer Mine was visited on April 16, 1953, by E. H. Pampeyan and D. B. Tatlock of the U. S. Geological Survey with the purpose of making a field examination and DMEA report. Maps of the underground workings were brought up to date at this time.

Development

The underground workings are on two levels 205 feet apart. The upper level, consisting of 520 feet of drift and minor crosscuts, is no longer being worked. The lower level consists of a 1000-foot drift that is parallel to the drift on the upper level, and is connected to the surface by a 640-foot crosscut. Raises totaling about 450 feet extend from the lower level; one of the raises connects with the upper level and provides ventilation.

Equipment on the property includes an 80-ton rotary furnace and Gould-type condensing system, hand tools, and about 1400 feet of track in place. Other pieces of equipment, including air compressors, an air locomotive, jack hammers, and a drifter, are owned by the applicant, and all are in need of repair.

Geology

The mine is on the southeast side of the New Idria Quicksilver District at the periphery of an elongate mass of both serpentine and Franciscan rocks that trends northwest. The mass has been pushed up through Cretaceous and younger sediments in a manner similar to the intrusion of a salt dome. Several quicksilver mines are located along the faults that bound the mass of serpentine and Franciscan rocks -- the most prominent being the New Idria mine -- and have been described by Eckel and Myers /.

/ Eckel, E. B., and Myers, W. B., Quicksilver Deposits of the New Idria District, San Benito and Fresno Counties, California: Calif. Jour. Mines Geol., XLII, April 1946, pp. 81-124.

Steeply dipping Upper Cretaceous Panoche shale is found in fault contact with serpentine in the Archer Mine. The Panoche shale in fresh exposures is medium to dark gray and well bedded with beds ranging from one to six inches in thickness. In the vicinity of the mine the strike of the beds is N. 65-80° W. Near the lower portal the beds dip 50-70° south and become less steep farther south. The shale beds are fractured locally, and strongly indurated for a maximum distance of 100 feet from the fault.

Serpentine forms the bulk of the elongate mass of serpentine and Franciscan rocks. It is light to dark green in color, and commonly is highly sheared. Locally, silicified serpentine crops out in bold relief compared to the weaker, sheared material. Lenses and pods of chromite in the serpentine, which roughly parallel the fault contact, are currently being mined less than one mile northeast of the Archer property.

Some silica-carbonate rock (hydrothermally altered serpentine) was seen underground along the contact between serpentine and shale, but appears to be of minor importance in this particular quicksilver deposit.

The indurated shale is cut by several steeply dipping and vertical shears that trend from N. 45° W. to N. 20° E. (See attached map.) The shears, ranging in thickness from one to five feet, apparently are confined to the indurated shale, as they penetrate neither the serpentine nor the unaltered shale.

Cinnabar, the principal ore mineral, occurs in the shears and a few quartz-filled fractures. Associated minerals include pyrite, marcasite, calcite, and metacinnabar. Veinlets of iron sulphides are common in the indurated shale. No mercury-bearing minerals were seen in the few exposures of silica-carbonate rock.

Reserves

Ore reserves in this type of deposit are difficult to estimate; however, it is possible that the indurated shale and shears extend below the present workings and continue to bear ore. Workings driven parallel to the contact below the present workings would cut the ore-bearing shears if the shears extend downward without interruption as believed.

Available production records report that at least 300 flasks of quicksilver were produced from the lower level. It seems likely that a similar amount -- more or less -- could be produced from the proposed work assuming the ore-bearing structure does continue downward.

Proposed Exploration

The applicant submitted a proposal requesting Government participation in a \$28,000 exploration program. The proposal sets forth a program that consists of: sinking a 100-foot winze down the dip of the structure at -65° from the lower level; driving 200 feet of drift from the foot of the winze; extending the present lower level 100 feet to the east. The drift from the foot of the winze would parallel the fault contact, and would be extended equally in two directions unless showings were more favorable in one direction. The work would take 12 months to complete, and would be done by contract if found more economical and practical than by the applicant.

The method of exploring the deposit is satisfactory, inasmuch as the ore is related to the shears that are confined to the indurated shale, and the indurated shale occurs along the fault contact. Also, the leads extend downward from the upper level and are more numerous in the lower level. So far as is known, no exploratory work has been done below the lower level.

Cost figures for drifting and sinking included in the application are too high. If a contract is to be awarded, they should be discussed with the operator and scaled down.

The proposed exploration program and subsequent development work on the new level might produce 300 flasks of metal if the conditions are the same as the present lower level. However, under the five percent repayment schedule, seven times that amount would be necessary before the Government's share of the DMEA loan could be repayed. It is unlikely that such an amount would be discovered.

Core drilling, as an alternate method of exploration, would be less expensive but also less satisfactory. The ore in the shears is spotty and, therefore, would be a poor target. Cores are liable to give an inaccurate picture of the individual shears by showing either high or low values that would, in reality, represent only the part of the shear cut by the drill.

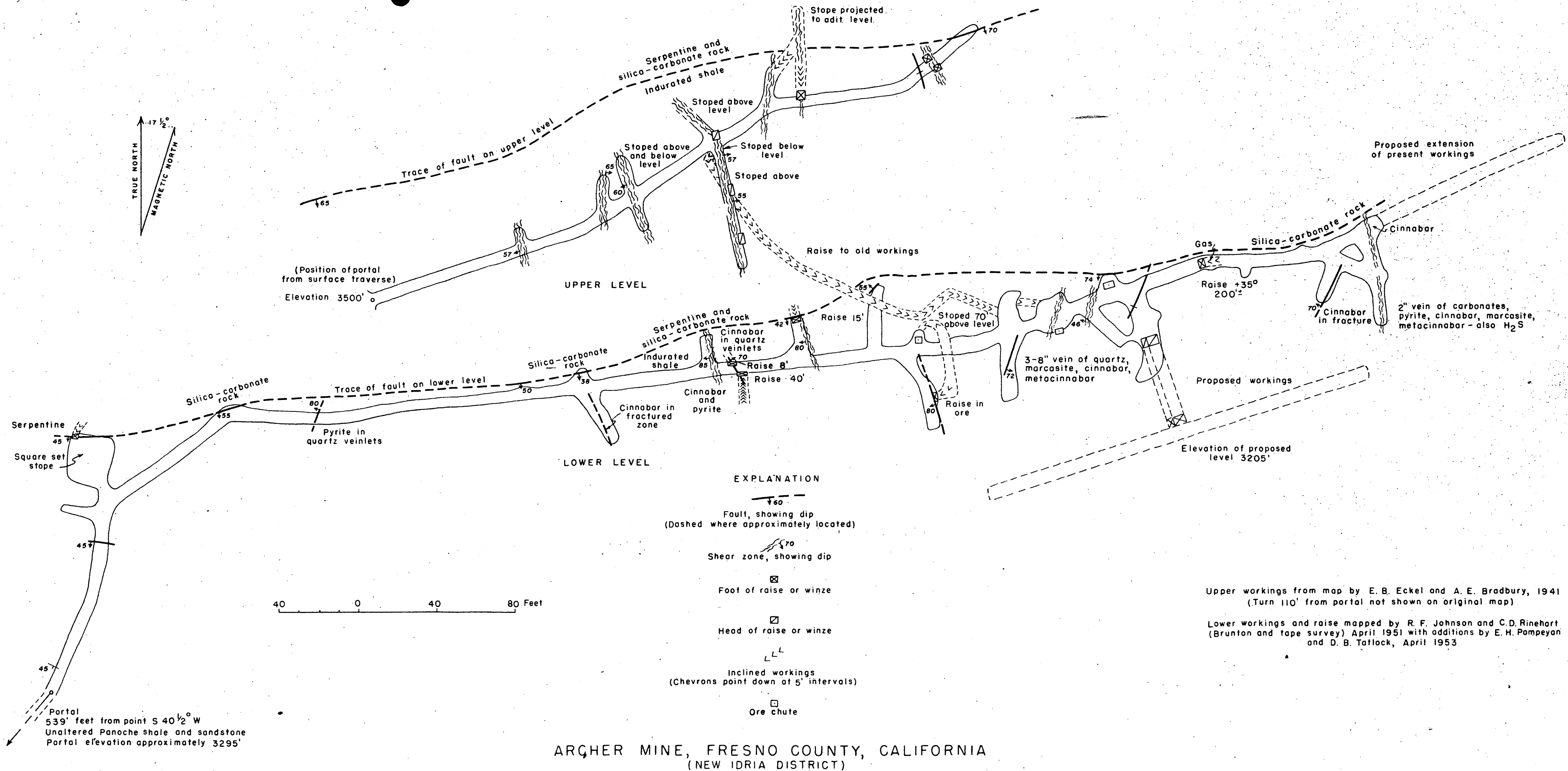
Recommendations

It is recommended that Archer Enterprises' request for a DMEA loan be denied, as the value of the ore likely to be discovered would not be commensurate with the cost of exploration.

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KINDLY ADVISE THIS OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA, WHETHER OR NOT YOU DESIRE SUBJECT APPLICATION TO BE
REACTIVATED.

C. O. Mittendorf

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Messrs: H.M.Meyer, Rm. 3623
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Mr. Robert L. Miller
1500 Country Club Drive
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ALH MAIL

Re: Robert L. Miller - 2884 (Mercury)
Archer Enterprises
310 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 15, California
Archer Mine, Fresno County, Calif.

Dear Mr. Miller:

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I regret to advise you that, since your application relates to mercury and was pending on the date of the restrictive order, we are without authority or funds to enter into a contract for exploration, and your application is accordingly denied. This action is taken without recourse to the merits of your proposed project.

The staff of the ALH wishes to express its appreciation for your interest in the exploration program and for your cooperation during the period your application was under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Messrs. H. M. Meyer, RM. 3423

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SURNAME:

MAY 19 1953

Mr. Robert L. Prior
1401 Country Club Drive
Glendale 2, California

Mr. Prior

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Archer Enterprises
510 North Spring Street
Los Angeles 17, California
Archer, Edgar, Fresno County, Calif.

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Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Messrs. H.M. Meyer, Rm. 3623

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April 7, 1953

Office of
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Memorandum

To: George C. Selfridge, Chairman, Operating Committee,
DMEA, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Docket DMEA-2884 (Mercury)
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Fresno County, California

Reference is made to your letter, dated March 30, 1953,
requesting the correct address of the above captioned applicant
company.

Our records show the address of Mr. Robert D. Prior
to be: 1604 Country Club Drive, Glendale 8, California.

H. C. Miller
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Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III

Copy to: E. H. Bailey, USGS



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<i>J. Hedges</i>
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MAR 30 1953

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1912 Flood Building
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Re: Docket No. DMA-2084 (Mercury)
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Dear Mr. Miller:

Referring to our letter to you of March 11, 1953, transferring the above-captioned application to your office for a field examination, we have received the undelivered notice of the same date which was directed to Mr. Robert D. Prior, Archer Enterprises, 510 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California, as shown in the application.

For your information, the Post Office also forwarded this notice to the following addresses before returning the envelope to this office:

3409 Pierce Road, Bakersfield
and
Box 597, Coalinga, Calif.

Will you kindly endeavor to obtain the correct address for the Applicant-company and advise us?

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

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The application for assistance in exploring your property in Fresno County, California, under the above captioned docket number, has been reviewed by the Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration. Your application has been referred for a field examination to the Executive Officer of Region III at the following address:

Mr. H. C. Miller
Executive Officer, Region III
DMEA Field Team
1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, California

The Regional Office will contact you at the earliest opportunity in regard to your project.

Sincerely yours,

Administrator



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<i>J. L. Kugan</i>
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<i>Selfridge</i>

Mr. Robert D. Prior
Archer Enterprises
510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 13, California

Re: Docket No. DEEA-2854 (Mercury)
Archer Mine
Fresno County, California

Dear Mr. Prior:

The application for assistance in exploring your property in Fresno County, California, under the above captioned docket number, has been reviewed by the Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration. Your application has been referred for a field examination to the Executive Officer of Region III at the following address:

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Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Messrs. Ellis

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Field Team, Region III (2)

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Mr. H. C. Miller
Executive Officer, Region III
DMA Field Team
1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, California

Re: Docket No. DMA-2884 (Mercury)
Archer Enterprises
Archer Mine
Fresno County, California

F. L. Knouse
Ellis
Selfridge

Dear Mr. Miller:

The captioned application is referred to your office for a field examination.

Copies of memoranda from Mr. Erwin J. Lyons, dated February 17, 1953, Miss H. M. Meyer, dated March 9, 1953, and Mr. H. E. Clund, dated March 9, 1953, outlining questions to be covered in the reports of the examining engineers are enclosed.

If your office recommends either the proposed program as submitted, or an alternate one approved by the applicant, kindly furnish us the detailed information required to draft a contract. This information should include any property controlled by the applicant that will benefit from a recommended exploration program. Also submit the required 7 copies signed by the property owners of Form MF-203, "Owner's Consent to Lien", covering any property to be included in the contract that is not owned by the applicant. No executed "Owner's Consent to Lien" or mining claim maps were supplied with the application. In addition we will require a copy of the Partnership Agreement.

Under the date of February 12, 1953, a copy of the application and related data were transmitted to your office.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

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Enclosures

APPROVED:

J. H. Hedges (2/15)

Member, Bureau of Mines

D. M. Lemmon (2/15)

Member, Geological Survey

Chairman, Operating Committee

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Messrs. Meyer, H. M., Rm. 3623

Kinkel, A. R., Rm. 4234 GSA

Ellis Knouse Opr. Com.

Field Team, Reg. III (2)



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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 9, 1953

Memorandum

To: E. W. Ellis, DMEA

From: Helena M. Meyer, Base Metals Branch

Subject: DMEA Docket 2884, Archer Enterprises, 510 So. Spring
St., Los Angeles 13, Calif., exploration loan \$28,200

I have read the subject application and Mr. H. E. Olund's appraisal thereof, and concur that the application should be referred to the field team. It appears that the possibilities are good for finding limited tonnages of ore that will be commercial in times of high prices. It appears also that the supervisor of the property may be better qualified to direct operations that has been the case at many of the mercury operations that have been the subject of loan applications. ?

Helena M. Meyer

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Attachment

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Mr. Olund Rm. 3617
Mr. A. R. Kinkle, Jr. Rm. 4234 GSA

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 9, 1953

Memorandum

To: E. W. Ellis, DMEA

From: H. E. Olund, Base Metals Branch

Subject: DMEA - 2884, Archer Enterprises, Archer Mine, Fresno,
Calif. Mercury - total amount of application - \$28,200.
Gov't participation \$21,150

This mine was discovered in 1904 by the late Joseph Byles, of Coalinga, Calif. An adit was driven 500 ft. parallel to the Serpentine-Shale contact, crossing numerous veins of ore which were drifted on and stoped out. The ore averaged about $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent mercury. Then an adit was driven 1400 feet at a level 220 ft. below the original adit. The mineralized area at this horizon was found to be richer and larger than in the upper adit. The ore was processed at the New Idria mine about 18 miles from the property for some time and then the former operators installed a rotary furnace with a maximum capacity of 80 tons of ore per day. This furnace was operated for short periods, resulting in the production of approximately 100 flasks of mercury.

This furnace is now in operation intermittently. One test run made in October, 1952, averaged 40 tons per day (1820 tons total) and produced 83 flasks of mercury. This is an average recovery of about 3.5 pounds mercury per ton of ore. Between 1935 and 1951 a total of about 750 flasks of mercury have been produced.

The U. S. G. S. report on the New Idria district by Edwin B. Eckel and W. B. Meyers, 1946, says of the Archer mine, "It is clear that the ore is closely related to the fault and that future prospecting must be confined to shear zones in indurated shales near the fault. It is improbable that any very large deposit exists in this vicinity but maintenance of a small, comparatively regular production should be entirely possible for a number of years.

The most recent report, by Mr. Stuart H. Ingram, a consulting mining engineer, employed by the present operators, estimates the present ore reserves as follows:

Square set stope, near west end of tunnel-----	3,500 tons.
Stope at stations 9 & 10-----	20,000 tons.
Stope near tunnel face-----	6,000 tons.
Surface dump, sampled-----	<u>1,500 tons.</u>
Total-----	31,000 tons.

Average assays - 4 pounds per ton.

Mr. Ingram states that a grade of 3 pounds per ton is close to the break-even average.

The property is easily accessible, and apparently is equipped with housing for the men and other facilities. At present there are about 15 men employed, plus a cook and helper. The key positions are held by permanent employees. The property is managed by a University of Montana graduate in geology with 8 years experience in mining. He has been Superintendent at the Archer mine for 8 months. The work applied for is as follows:

100 ft. of winze @ \$100 per ft.-----	\$10,000
200 ft. of cross-cuts @ \$70 per ft.-----	14,000
100 ft. of drifts @ \$42 per ft.-----	<u>4,200</u>
Total contract-----	\$28,200

Government share of cost --- \$21,150

I recommend that this application be examined by the field team. The item of cross-cutting at \$70.00 per foot seems rather high and should be revised to a much lower figure. Unless the owners of the property have already done so they should submit a Landlord's Subordination Agreement to the Government.



H. E. Olund

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 17, 1953

Memorandum

To: Mr. E. Wm. Ellis
From: Erwin J. Lyons, USGS

Re: DMEA-2884
Archer Enterprises
Archer Mine, Fresno County
California
Total cost: \$28,200
Mercury

Subject: Recommendation for ~~approval~~. *Field by Ferral*

The applicant has submitted a project consisting of sinking an inclined winze 100 feet from the present lower level of the mine, drifting from the bottom of the winze 100 feet to east and west, and 100 feet of drifting eastward from the present face of the lower level. Total estimated cost is \$28,200.

The property to be explored, the Archer mine, is in the New Idria district, Fresno County, California. The deposit is in Pinoche shale adjacent to and near a fault contact with serpentine. The fault strikes a little north of east and dips 50° to 75° south. Mineralization occurs in shear zones, 1 to 15 feet wide, in the shale. The shear zones have a northerly strike and dip 60° to 70° both east and west. The shear zones do not extend north beyond the serpentine-shale contact and do not continue south beyond the zone of altered shale which extends for distances of 40 to 100 feet from the fault. 7

According to the U. S. Bureau of Mines Minerals Yearbook the only production from this property during the period 1940 to 1950 was in the years 1946 and 1947 when a total of 274 flasks of mercury were produced from 1,368 tons of ore which probably was hand sorted or selected.

Past production and assays submitted by the applicant would indicate this is a rather low grade deposit and there appears to be little possibility of large tonnages being developed. E. B. Eckel and W. B. Myers in their report, "Quicksilver deposits of the New Idria district, San Benito and Fresno Counties, California", based on field work done in 1940 and 1941, state that it is improbable that any very large deposit exists in this vicinity but that a small, fairly regular production might be possible for a number of years.

It may be concluded, therefore, that exploration would disclose deposits similar to those already mined, i. e., small, rather low grade, and which probably would require selective mining.

This request for aid should be referred to E. H. Bailey, Survey member of the DMEA field team in Region III. A field examination may be unnecessary as Bailey is familiar with the California deposits and probably also with the results of the work that has been done at the Archer mine since the Survey mapped the mine in 1940-41.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Erwin J. Lyons".

Erwin J. Lyons
Geologist

February 12, 1953

Mr. Robert D. Prior, General Partner
Archer Enterprises
510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 13, California

Subject: DMEA-2884
Re: Exploration Assistance
Archer Mine

My dear Mr. Prior:

The receipt of your application dated February 9, 1953
for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950,
as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-2884
and referred to the Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-2884 in any future correspondence
relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. ADAMS
Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operations Control
and Statistics Division

(Revised April 1952)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FEB 12 1953 DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN
EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO
DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE
PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant
Docket No. <u>DMEA 2884</u>
Metal or Mineral
Date Received <u>2-12-53</u>
Estimated Cost
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME OF APPLICANT. - (a) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address:

ARCHER ENTERPRISES , 510 SO SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA

(b) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(c) If a Corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers. NOT APPLICABLE

(d) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

ROBERT D. PRIOR, 1604 Country Club Drive, Glendale 8, California,
(General Partner)

FRANK B. BELCHER, 510 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 13, California,
(Limited Partner)

BO. C. ROOS, 400 No. Camden St., Beverly Hills, California,
(Limited Partner)

FREEMAN KEYES, Calmolen Bldg., Chicago, Illinois, (Limited Partner)

2. GENERAL.- Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. APPLICANT'S PROPERTY RIGHTS.- (a) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract.

"Archer Claims Nos. One (1) to Seven (7) Inclusive, Located in Sections

Two (2) and Three (3), Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Thirteen (13)

East, M.D.B.M. Unpatented."

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Los Angeles 13, California.

(b) State any mine name by which the property is known.

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(c) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise.

PURCHASER UNDER BOND LEASE

(d) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

COPY OF BOND LEASE AND ASSIGNMENTS ATTACHED

(e) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it.

NO LIENS

(f) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice.

Claim #1	Book 2088	Page 343
" #2	" 2088	" 346
" #3	" 2088	" 348
" #4	" 2088	" 345
" #5	" 2088	" 347
" #6	" 2088	" 349
" #7	" 2088	" 350

4. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.- (a) Describe in detail any mining or explorations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

The Archer Mine, located in the Southwest part of Fresno County California, was discovered in 1904, by the late Joseph Byles of Coalinga, California. An adit was driven 500 feet parallel to the serpentine-shale contact, crossing numerous veins of ore which were drifted on and stoped out. The ore, after being handsorted averaged about 1 1/2% mercury and retorts were used to extract the mercury from the cinnabar. Later a winze was sunk 115 feet on an ore body.

The former operators have driven an adit 1400 feet, at a level 220 feet below and paralleling the upper adit. The mineralized area at this point was found to be richer and more abundant. There has been one raise driven between the two levels, the lower portion being in ore. This raise is now used for ventilation of the mine.

The former operators shipped their ore 18 miles by truck to the New Idria Mine for processing, producing in excess of 150 flask of mercury. Being encouraged by the results, the former operators then installed a Rotary Furnace with a maximum capacity of 80 ton/day. The furnace was operated for short periods, resulting in the production of approximately 100 flash of mercury.

In October, 1951, a core drilling operation was initiated to prospect for ore between the two levels. Poor recovery of cores and unusually bad weather forced the former operators to suspend operations.

4. (a) Continued

The veins of ore crosscut the main drift. The ore is removed by drifting and stoping, leaving pillars in the stopes and using timber wherever necessary. Six of the stopes have been worked and new stopes are now being developed to carry on furnace operation. Ore showings are still found with almost every round in the main drift heading eastward, and it is intended to carry the drift eastward until the end of the mineralized area is reached, or at least another 100 feet.

Except on the contact with the serpentine, the shale holds up very well and the mine workings are accessible for examination at any time.

(b) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

A program to improve the recovery from the furnace was started on October 7, 1952, by the present operators and short 4 to 5 day trial runs have been made. From an average of 1 flask of mercury per day, the recovery has been increased to 2.4 flasks per day. During this program 1,820 tons of ore was used in 45 days of furnace operation, averaging 40 tons per day and producing a total of 83 flasks of mercury. With new stopes being developed and the furnace making a reasonable recovery, the operators feel that a full time schedule can be maintained and the tonage increased as rapidly as mining operations permit.

Mr. Stuart H. Ingram, mining engineer, while doing consulting work for the former operator, said in his report, "For the present we can only regard as ore that shown by present sampling to average better than 3 pounds per ton, or that close enough to the break-even figures to count on raising it by selective stoping. There are three such zones. The first zone is that of the old square set stope at the west end of the workings. Eleven samples taken around the walls average 6.1 pounds over an area of fifteen by twenty feet, or twenty tons per vertical foot. The tunnel at that point is about 175 feet below the surface giving a probable 3500 tons in that block. There may be much more, since the length of ore shoot is greater than the length of ore exposed by the stope. The second zone runs from 75 feet west of Survey Station 9, to Survey Station 10 a distance along the vein of 155 feet, from which average of all samples taken is 3.9 pounds. The width is not less than ten feet, which would furnish a minimum 100 tons per vertical foot, and which if it persists to the upper tunnel would supply 20,000 tons. This quantity estimate is probably ultra conservative, since there is twenty feet of material between the tunnel and the serpentine, also there are stringers that have been followed and mined for fifteen to twenty feet to the south of the drift. It is possible that this body may actually furnish good ore to three or four times twenty thousand tons. Also the grade will be somewhat higher, as low grade spots can be left as pillars in the stopes. The third zone is exposed by the last forty-five feet of the east end of the tunnel, representing a volume of thirty tons per vertical foot. The average of assays from both sides of the drift and Drill hole No. 5 is 2.82 pounds per ton, or less than the three pound figure of the breaking point. However the drift in that area lies against the serpentine contact, and the northern side of the drift contains about one foot of contact gouge material that is mostly barren, good stringers of cinnabar ending abruptly on striking the gouge. A mathematical average of samples from both sides does not therefore give a true picture since samples from the north side

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4. (b) Continued

are representative of only one foot, while those from the south side represent four feet of known ore plus some lying to the south of the south side, which presumably is of the same grade. Also Drill hole No. 5 does not cut the strong stringer which on the south side of the drift assays 20 pounds per ton, hence that rich streak is not properly represented in the sampling. It is therefore my belief that this area will furnish ore of substantially the grade indicated by the series of samples from the south side, which over that area averages 4.41 pounds.

Since further selection of ore can be made in stoping, by leaving the poorer spots unmined, as stope pillars, the three areas indicated are ready for the start of stoping operations to provide furnace feed. They provide room for at least three working faces, each of which can furnish twenty five tons of ore daily, which would leave only five tons daily of the estimated furnace capacity to be supplied from development faces. With selective stoping the grade of ore mined can be held above four pounds per ton.

In addition to ore from underground mining the dumps of the upper level can be relied on to furnish additional profitable furnace feed. As mentioned, they will probably average less than three pound per ton, but the work of mining them is already done. Actual cost of reclamation and furnacing will, I estimate, lie between \$3.00 and \$5.00 per ton. They should be held as an ore reserve on which to operate the furnace in case of interruptions to mining.

Summing up, present sampling indicates probable ore as follows:

Square set stope	3500 tons
Stope at Stations 9 and 10	20,000 "

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4. (b) Continued

Stope near tunnel face	6,000 tons
Surface dump, sampled	<u>1,500 "</u>
total	31,000 tons. "

At present at least a 4 lbs/ton average is being maintained and as the furnace recovery is increased then the mining average will be lowered to include a larger reserve of ore.

(c) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.) and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

The cinnabar at the Archer is found in shear zones in the Panoche Shale (Cretaceous). The zones strike northward and dip at angles from 60° to 70°, about half dipping to the east and the other half to the west.

The shale contacts the serpentine (Jurassic) along a fault which trends north of east and dips from 50° to 70° south. The shale beds strike northwest and dip 70° southwest. There is from 5 to 20 feet of sheared serpentine and shale along the fault, and the shale is altered from 50 to 100 feet from the contact.

The ore in the shear zones varies in that some of the zones are richer near the contact while others become richer going away from the contact. Recently, one small vein of solid cinnabar measuring from 2 to 4 inches in thickness was found over 40 feet from the serpentine contact.

No cinnabar has been found in the serpentine at the Archer. The accessory minerals, pyrite, marcacito, calcite and quartz are found in large quantities. Being a low temperature deposit, the metamorphic effects are of a low degree.

The ore veins on the bottom of the lower level are wider, richer

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4. (c) Continued

and more numerous than above the level, indicating that the ore zone continues below. Cinnabar deposits are known to be shallow but the Archer has not yet been prospected to any appreciable depth and every known fact about the deposit indicates that the workings are still above the main deposit.

(d) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

The Archer mine is reached from Coalinga, California, by 22 miles of blacktop county road and 6 miles of private road. Within the last six months over \$5,000 has been spent on re-routing and graveling the private road by the Archer Company and a chrome mining company operating within 2 miles of the Archer mine. The road is now usable the year around.

For supplies not obtainable in Coalinga, one may ship by truck or railroad from Los Angeles and San Francisco, and receive supplies within 24 hours.

The Archer Camp is at an elevation of 3000 feet and the mine is located 500 feet higher and three quarters of a mile from the camp.

(e) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

There is an average of 15 men employed at the Archer besides the cook and helper, but it is expected to increase the employment when the proposed winze work begins. The key positions are held by permanent employees and although there is the usual turnover of miners, they are available.

Nearly all supplies for the mine can be purchased within a 250 mile radius of Coalinga. Timber for the mine must be purchased in Coalinga and hauled to the mine.

Water is supplied by two springs, one above and one below the mine. The upper spring supplying water for mining operations; the lower spring supplying the camp.

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4. (e) Continued.

The power is supplied for the mine by two gasoline driven air compressors and for the furnace plant by gasoline driven electric generator.

Other equipment necessary to carry on the work is owned by the present operators.

5. THE EXPLORATION PROJECT.- (a) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore.

CINNABAR IS THE MINERAL TO BE EXPLORED FOR.

(b) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

It is proposed to sink a winze 100 feet in depth. The winze is to be located in the lower drift, 35 feet from the serpentine contact in the cross-cut drift south of survey station No. 10 as shown on the assay map of the Archer Mine.

This location is close to the richer mineralized area of the mine and will be reasonably close to any ore found by developing the lower drift eastward.

The winze is to be timbered 5 feet by 10 feet and divided into two compartments, one for hoisting ore and the other for manway and service. It is to be sunk at an angle of 65° as the serpentine contact dips at 55° near the site but increases to 75° going east. It is hoped to maintain the angle of 65° because of the rapid loss in vertical distance of angles less than 65° .

From the 100 feet depth of the winze it is proposed to drive 200 feet of drift paralleling the lower tunnel. It is planned to divide the 200 feet by going 100 feet eastward and 100 feet westward unless ore indica-

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5. (b) Continued

tions are such that a different division is advisable. The present drift is to be driven ahead for at least 100 feet more.

(c) The work will start within 60 days and be completed within 12 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(d) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

The supervisor of the Archer Mine holds a B. A. degree in Geology from the University of Montana and has been in mining for the past eight years, with over three years employed as a miner in the Butte Mines.

He has been employed by the Archer for over eight months, and is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the furnace and mine and also performs the assay work which is done on the property.

6. ESTIMATE OF COSTS.- Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(a) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTS (Note.- If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "None" after this Item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

Operator will, if found more economical and practical, contract the work proposed. Due to the small amount of work proposed, contract could be made with five or six good miners to carry out the project. Negotiating such a contract would dependent on conditions at time of loan being granted.

(b) LABOR, SUPERVISION, CONSULTANTS.- Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

WINZE & CROSSCUTS

Miners at \$13.06 per day
Hoist Man at \$12.24 per day
Trammer at \$12.24 per day
Total

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6. (b) Continued:

DRIVING PRESENT HEADING	Miners at	13.06 per day
	Trammer at	12.24 " "
SUPERVISIOR & CONSULTANT at		15.00 " "
MECHANIC & TRUCK DRIVER at		12.24 " "

(c) OPERATING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES.- Furnish an itemized list of any items of equipment costing less than \$50.00 each, and power, water and fuel.

Present equipment owned by operator will, with some repairs carry out project.

(d) OPERATING EQUIPMENT.- Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

2 -210 CFM Compressors - rental	8.00 per day each
1 - Compressed air locomotive rental	5.00 per day
2 - Jack hammers - rental	3.00 per day each
1 - Drifter- rental	3.00 per day
Hoist- rental	1.00 per day

(e) REHABILITATION AND REPAIRS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

Present buildings adequate. Compressors to be overhauled, estimated Cost of \$500.00 each.

(f) NEW BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS, INSTALLATIONS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

No new improvements contemplated, unless new developements warrants same.

(g) MISCELLANEOUS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs

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6. (g) Continued

to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of Operator's equipment) analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employer's liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

Maintenance of equipment and repairs to same during program estimated at \$500 per month, which includes compensation for one mechanic; Compensation Insurance of approximately \$11 per \$100 of payroll; Payroll Taxes of 4.2% of payroll.

(h) Contingencies. - Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.- No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

While the Operator has a reasonable supply of drill steel, air and water hoses, bits, etc. on hand, replacements of same will have to be made as worn out.

ESTIMATED COSTS PER FOOT OF WINZE

1. Labor per foot (mining, hoisting, tramping)	\$50.00	✓	\$100.00
2. Consultant, Mechanic & Truck Driver	15.00		
3. Gasoline & Oil	2.50		
4. Dynamite, Caps, Fuse	5.00		
5. Drill steel - bits	2.00		
6. Timber	6.00		
7. Equipment Rental	7.50		
8. Air & water lines	1.00		
9. Insurance & Taxes	4.00		
10. Repairs & Maintenance	2.00		
11. Transportation & Lodging	3.00		
12. Contingencies	2.00		
	<u>\$100.00</u>		

100 Feet Winze at \$100

\$10,000.00

ESTIMATED COST PER FOOT OF CROSS CUTS

Labor per foot	40.00	✓	70.00
Mining, Hoisting, Tramping			
Consulting & Mechanics	8.00	✓	
Truck Driver			
Gasoline- oil	2.50		
Dynamite, Caps, Fuse	2.00		
Drill Steel- Bits	1.50		
Rail, Ties, Etc.	5.00	✓	

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6. (h) Continued

Timber	2.00
Equipment Rental	2.50
Air, Water Lines	1.00
Insurance & Taxes	2.00
Repairs, Maintenance	1.00
Transportation & Lodging	1.50
Contingencies	1.00
TOTAL	<u>\$70.00</u>

200 Feet of Cross Cuts \$14,000.00

ESTIMATED COST PER FOOT OF DRIFT 42.00

Labor per foot	16.00
Mining, Trammig	
Consulting, Mechanics	8.00
Truck Driver	
Gasoline- Oil	2.00
Dynamite- caps- fuse	2.00
Drill Steel- Bits	1.50
Rail- Ties Etc.	5.00
Timber	2.00
Equipment Rental	1.50
Air- Water Lines	1.00
Insurance & Taxes	1.00
Transportation - Lodging	1.00
Contingencies	1.00
TOTAL	<u>\$42.00</u>

100 Feet Drift at \$42.00 4,200.00

TOTAL LOAN REQUESTED - - - - - \$28,200.00

7. (a) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

YES

(b) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

MONEY AND USE OF EQUIPMENT

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Los Angeles 13, California

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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.

DATED Feb 9 1953

ARCHER ENTERPRISES

BY: _____

Ben Portner

TITLE 18, U. S. CODE (CRIMES, SECTION 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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1 certain personal property located in and about said Archer Mine,
2 and more particularly described in Exhibit "B" hereto attached,
3 which said personal property is for convenience hereinafter referred
4 to as "Archer Mine equipment".

5 3. That the lessors shall forthwith execute and deliver
6 into escrow with the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles,
7 Coalinga Branch, Coalinga, California, a good and sufficient bill
8 of sale to the lessee of said Archer Mine equipment, warranting
9 title free and clear of liens and encumbrances, together with a
10 deed from the lessors to the lessee of said Archer Mine, and at
11 the same time instruct said bank to obtain a title report from
12 a reliable title company in Fresno County as to the title to said
13 Archer Mine and as to any chattel mortgages or other encumbrances
14 against said Archer Mine equipment.

15 4. Lessee shall forthwith deposit in escrow with said
16 bank the sum of \$5,000.00, with instructions to said bank to
17 deliver the same to Benjamin J. Byles and/or Norma A. Byles when
18 said bank shows title in said Archer Mine vested in the lessors,
19 free and clear of all encumbrances other than this agreement, and
20 said bank shall hold said deed and bill of sale subject to the
21 payment by the lessee to the lessors of the sum of \$75,000.00 as
22 hereinafter provided.

23 5. That the lessee will pay to the lessors, in the man-
24 ner hereinafter provided and as the purchase price of said mine,
25 in addition to said sum of \$5,000.00 to be paid through escrow as
26 aforesaid, the sum of \$70,000.00 which said sum shall be in full
27 and complete payment of said mine as in paragraph 4 above set forth.
28 That said \$70,000.00 shall be payable in the manner following, to-
29 wit: 10% of the amount received from any and all quicksilver and
30 other minerals which may be produced and sold from said premises,
31 less only the deductions herein provided; provided, however, that
32 said lessee shall pay to lessors an advance minimum monthly royalty

1 of \$200.00, commencing on the 1st day of November, 1943, and con-
2 tinuing thereafter each month until the additional sum of \$32,500.00
3 has been paid; and provided further that, if the total of said ad-
4 vance minimum monthly payments together with the payments on ac-
5 count of the 10% royalty have not totaled the sum of \$5,000.00 on
6 or before November 1, 1944, then and in such event lessee shall
7 pay lessors any difference between the amount of advance monthly
8 minimum and 10% royalty payments during said period and the sum
9 of \$5,000.00 That, when the total sum of \$37,500.00 including
10 payment of \$5,000.00 into escrow has been paid, lessee shall not
11 be obligated to make further advance minimum monthly payments of
12 \$200.00, or any other sum, but will continue to pay lessors the
13 royalty of 10% as herein provided. That lessee may at any time
14 pay any additional sum or the whole of the balance of said purchase
15 price. In determining the amount of the 10% royalty to be paid
16 in any calendar month there shall be credited upon such payment
17 the \$200.00 minimum royalty paid by the lessee to the lessor for
18 the month in which the quicksilver was produced and on which the
19 royalty was to be paid.

20 6. That, upon said sum of \$5,000.00 being paid to
21 lessors through escrow as hereinabove provided, the lessee shall
22 within thirty days from date hereof, enter upon said Archer Mine
23 and occupy and work the same in a good and minerlike fashion and
24 in the manner necessary or proper for good and economical mining
25 of said property so as to take out the largest amount of commercial
26 ore possible with due regard to development and preservation of
27 the property as a workable mine, and to retort, process or other-
28 wise treat said ore for the purpose of removing mercury and/or
29 other minerals therefrom, and to market in its own name such merc-
30 ury or other minerals, and the lessee shall be entitled to retain
31 possession of said Archer Mine so long as it shall perform the
32 terms, conditions and covenants of this agreement, and, in that

1 connection the lessee shall occupy and hold all cross or parallel
2 lodes, spurs or mineral deposits of any kind which may be discovered
3 by the lessee or any person as his agent or employee upon the
4 premises, with the agreement and understanding that the same shall
5 in all instances be part and parcel of said Archer Mine. That
6 the lessee herein named shall be entitled to use each and all of
7 the items of personal property described in said bill of sale in
8 and about Archer Mine in the ordinary and customary manner but
9 shall not use said personal property elsewhere. Said lessee shall
10 not be liable for any breakage, loss or damage to said personal
11 property so long as said personal property is so used. Said lessee
12 shall not sell or dispose of said personal property except as
13 herein provided. Should said lessee desire to apply any items
14 of said personal property as a part of the purchase price of
15 similar personal property, to be similarly used, the lessee may
16 so apply said personal property provided the full balance of the
17 purchase price of said new personal property shall be paid. Title
18 to the new personal property shall at once vest in the lessors
19 but said new personal property shall be deemed included in said
20 bill of sale.

21 7. That upon taking possession of the Archer Mine
22 said lessee shall without delay commence operations for driving a
23 drift at a level approximately 225 feet below the lowest existing
24 drift on said property, which said drift shall be of a height and
25 width sufficient to comply at all times with all rules and regula-
26 tions of all governmental agencies and the statutes and ordinances
27 applicable thereto, and shall be continued by the lessee until a
28 distance of 1200 feet has been driven, or an ore body in commercial
29 quantities has been encountered at a lesser distance, such work to
30 be suspended only by reason of unforeseen mechanical difficulties
31 or other reasons as hereinafter set forth or, in the opinion of
32 competent geologists of the parties hereto, the further driving of

1 said drift would in all probability not result in the discovery
2 of any further commercial ore.

3 8. That, so long as the price of quicksilver at Los
4 Angeles, California, is not less than \$75.00 per flask, said
5 lessee will continue to operate said property and produce ore
6 therefrom. Should the price of mercury at Los Angeles drop be-
7 low \$75.00 a flask, said lessee may suspend operations during
8 such time as the price is below \$75.00 per flask but shall, never-
9 theless, do all work necessary, or required by reason of any statutes
10 of the United States of America as annual labor and/or improvements,
11 to hold title to such "Archer Mine."

12 9. That the lessee shall pay to the lessors on account
13 of the purchase price of said property an amount equal to 10% of
14 all amounts received by the lessee from the sale of quicksilver
15 or any other minerals that may be produced from said premises,
16 without deduction except the cost of transportation from the mine
17 to the point of sale, including insurance against theft or other
18 loss, which said payments shall continue until the full purchase
19 price is paid and which said amount shall be paid by the lessee
20 to the lessors on or before the 10th day of the calendar month
21 following the month in which said quicksilver or other minerals
22 have been sold or disposed of, said payment to be made to the
23 lessors through the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles,
24 Coalinga, Branch, Coalinga, California; it being understood that
25 the provisions hereof are subject to paragraph 5 above.

26 10. That said lessee shall pay all taxes levied and
27 charged against said premises, together with any and all install-
28 ments on assessments for local improvements, which said payments
29 shall be made by the lessee before said taxes or payments for
30 local improvement shall become delinquent.

31 11. That lessee shall keep true, complete and accurate
32 books of account showing all quicksilver and other minerals produc-

1 ed by it under the terms and provisions of this agreement and all
2 amounts of quicksilver and other minerals sold and disposed of by
3 it, the persons to whom such minerals were sold, place at which
4 same was sold, the amount received by the lessee from said miner-
5 als, the cost of transportation and insurance in connection with
6 the transporting of said quicksilver and other minerals from the
7 mine to point of sale or disposal, and said books of account or
8 records shall be open at all times during reasonable business
9 hours to the lessors or their duly authorized agent.

10 That the lessors, or their agent, may from time to time,
11 during reasonable working hours, enter upon said Archer Mine for
12 the purpose of inspection.

13 12. That all work done in and about said premises by
14 the lessee shall be at its sole cost and expense, and the lessee
15 shall keep said premises, and every part thereof, at all times free
16 and clear of all mechanics miners and/or other liens and encum-
17 brances of every nature and description, and shall pay all in-
18 debtedness and liabilities incurred by the lessee which may or
19 might become a lien on said premises before said indebtedness or
20 liabilities shall become such lien, and shall permit the lessors
21 to go upon the Archer Mine to post, and at all times keep posted,
22 in some conspicuous place upon said premises such notices as the
23 lessors may desire to the effect that the interests of the lessors
24 shall not be subject to any lien for service, labor or materials
25 furnished upon or used in connection with said premises.

26 13. That the lessee shall assume all responsibility
27 for and save the lessors harmless from any and all liability and
28 claims for liability which may arise by reason of lessee's opera-
29 tions upon or about said Archer Mine.

30 14. That the said lessee shall, at its own cost and ex-
31 pense, provide Workmen's Compensation insurance at once upon the
32 commencement of operations hereunder so as to protect the interests

1 of the lessors in said premises from the lien of any judgment ob-
2 tained in any action brought by reason of any injury of any work-
3 man in or about said premises, and said lessee shall furthermore
4 conduct all operations in and about said premises in such respect as
5 will fully comply with the laws of the State of California and all
6 safety regulations prescribed by any duly authorized body.

7 15. That no equipment, tools, machinery and moveable
8 structures and improvements and personal property of any nature or
9 description brought or placed upon said premises by the lessee for
10 use in and about said Archer Mine shall become fixtures but shall
11 remain the property of the lessee and shall be subject to removal
12 by the lessee and, in the event this agreement shall be terminated,
13 for any reason, said lessee shall be entitled to remove all such
14 machinery, tools, equipment, movable structures, improvements and
15 personal property from said Archer Mine within sixty days after the
16 termination of this agreement. Provided, however, that in the event
17 lessee is in default in the payment of any amount to the lessors
18 by reason of any quicksilver or other minerals theretofore sold,
19 lessors shall have a lien upon said equipment or improvements to
20 the extent of any amount due to the lessors by reason of any such
21 quicksilver or other minerals produced and sold and on which said
22 lessors shall not have received said 10% as provided herein, and,
23 in such event, lessee shall not remove any such equipment or im-
24 provements until said payment shall have been made in full, and in
25 no event shall lessee remove any timbers placed in and about said
26 Archer Mine.

27 16. That, should the lessee be prevented by reason of
28 strikes, riots, acts of God, processes or orders of Court or other
29 government agency, or act of the common enemy, from entering upon
30 said premises and working the same, or transporting supplies to
31 said premises in the usual and customary manner, or removing ore
32 therefrom or processing or retorting said ore, or selling said

1 quicksilver, then and in that event the lessee shall not be deemed
2 to be in default by reason of any failure to perform any of the
3 terms or provisions of this agreement because of any of the condi-
4 tions above stated.

5 17. Lessee may at any time, upon 30 days written notice
6 to the lessors, quitclaim any and all right, title or interest
7 which it might or could have under this agreement in and to said
8 Archer Mine to the lessors, and lessee shall thereafter be reliev-
9 ed of all obligations to make any further payment of any kind here-
10 under, or otherwise perform any act under the terms and provisions
11 of this agreement, but the giving of such quitclaim deed shall not
12 relieve lessee from any previously accrued obligation to make any
13 payment or perform any other accrued obligation under the terms and
14 provisions hereof.

15 18. That, in the event any action at law or in equity be
16 brought by either party hereto against the other in or about any
17 matter connected with this agreement, the party against whom judg-
18 ment shall be obtained shall pay to the other party hereto the
19 costs of such party and a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed
20 in said action by the court before whom said action may be heard.

21 19. Time is expressly made of the essence of this
22 agreement but the lessee shall not be deemed to be in default
23 under the terms and provisions of this agreement as the result of
24 any failure or alleged failure on its part to comply with the terms
25 and provisions hereof untill and unless the lessors shall have
26 first given to said lessee notice in writing by mailing the same to
27 lessee as herein provided, of the existence of said default and
28 the lessee shall fail for a period of thirty days thereafter to
29 correct such failure or default. Upon the failure of lessee to so
30 correct such default or failure within said period of thirty days,
31 then the lessors may, at their option, terminate this agreement
32 without further notice to lessee and may remove said deed and

1 and bill of sale from escrow with said bank, and lessee's right
2 hereunder and in said premises and equipment covered by said bill
3 of sale shall end and all sums theretofore paid by lessee to
4 lessors hereunder shall be forfeited to lessors for the use and
5 occupancy of said premises. In the event of any default on the
6 part of the lessee hereunder, lessors shall have no right to re-
7 cover from the lessee any minimum of royalty, or other sum here-
8 under, except such portion of the 10% royalty for quicksilver
9 produced and sold by the lessee and for which it shall not have
10 accounted to the lessors.

11 20. That any notice to be given by the lessors to
12 lessee may be given by mailing a copy of said notice in an envel-
13 ope on which the postage has been prepaid addressed to lessee at
14 Los Angeles, California, or to such
15 other person or place as lessee shall from time to time designate
16 in writing.

17 Any notice to be given by lessee to the lessors may be
18 given by mailing same in an envelope upon which the postage has
19 been prepaid and addressed to lessors at 612 Van Ness Avenue,
20 Coalinga, California, or to such other person or place as the
21 lessors may from time to time in writing designate, and deposited
22 in the Post Office in Los Angeles, California

23 21. That this agreement shall be binding upon and inure
24 to the benefit of the successors and assigns of each of the parties
25 hereto but this agreement shall not, nor shall any interest therein,
26 be transferred or assigned or granted, either in the form of a
27 sub-lease or otherwise, without the written consent of the lessors
28 being first had and obtained. That lessors will consent to such
29 an assignment and sub-lease if the assignee or sub-lessee is of
30 suitable financial standing and responsibility; nor shall this
31 agreement or any interest in said Archer Mine become an asset in
32 any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set
their hands the day and year first hereinabove set forth.

By

Attorney-in-fact,

LESSORS.

ARCHER MINING COMPANY

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President,

BY

Secretary,

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A S S I G N M E N T

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, ARCHER MINING COMPANY, hereby sells and transfers to BO C. ROOS, FREEMAN KEYES and FRANK B. BELCHER, as their interests may be determined between them, all the right, title and interest in and to and under the Bond and Lease attached hereto dated July 19, 1943, by and between BENJAMIN J. BYLES and others, as Lessors, and ARCHER MINING COMPANY, as Lessee.

All payments heretofore made under said Bond and Lease to Lessors shall inure to the benefit of assignees herein named.

Assignees by the acceptance of this assignment do not thereby assume any liability for any obligations under said bond and lease which have accrued to date hereof but do assume all obligations which hereafter accrue under said Bond and Lease as the same may be modified by consent of Assignment by Lessors named herein, which Consent is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Dated, June 16th, 1952.

ARCHER MINING COMPANY

BY R. D. PRIOR
Pres.

BY R. Morgan Jr.
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1 period more than ten (10) pounds of mercury per ton of
2 ore.

3 (d) Provided, however, that a minimum royalty shall
4 be paid of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month for
5 each calendar month, which said sum shall be credited
6 against future royalties not in excess of Two Hundred
7 Dollars (\$200.00) per month. Receipt is hereby acknow-
8 ledged by Lessors of the sum of One Thousand Dollars
9 (\$1,000.00) which shall represent payment in advance of
10 the minimum royalties for the months of July, August,
11 September, October and November of 1952.

12 3. Any notice by assignor to said assignees of said Bond
13 and Lease shall be sent to Room B18 Security Building, Los
14 Angeles 13, California.

15 4. Said assignees shall abide by and conform to all other
16 conditions of said Bond and Lease except as herein modified.

17 5. Consent is further given that BO C. ROOS, FREEMAN KEYES
18 and FRANK B. BELCHER may assign said Bond and Lease dated July
19 19, 1943, to a partnership of which they are members, such
20 assignment shall be subject to the terms hereinabove set forth.
21 Upon such assignment to said Partnership, BO C. ROOS, FREEMAN
22 KEYES and FRANK B. BELCHER shall be relieved of any personal liab-
23 ility hereunder or under said Bond and Lease.

24 Dated this 8th day of August, 1952.

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26 (signed) Benjamin J. Byles
Benjamin J. Byles

27 (signed) Benjamin J. Byles
28 Benjamin J. Byles
Attorney in Fact

29 Lessors
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1 Benjamin J. Byles hereby represents and warrants that
2 he is the Attorney-in-Fact for all of the above named Lessors
3 under a presently existing Power of Attorney with full power
4 to execute this assignment of their behalf.

5 Dated this 8th day of August, 1952.

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7 Benjamin J. Byles (signed)
8 Benjamin J. Byles
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A S S I G N M E N T

For a good and valuable consideration, the undersigned, FREEMAN KEYES, BO C. ROOS, and FRANK B. BELCHER hereby sell, assign, and transfer to ARCHER ENTERPRISES, a Limited Partnership, all of th eir right, title, and interest in, to and under that certain Bond and Lease dated July 19, 1943 by and between Benjamin Byles, et al. as Lessors and Archer Mining Company as Lessee, together with all their right, title, and interest in and to all equipment, personal property, and mining machinery located at and used in connection with said Archer Mine, which said Mine is located in Fresno County, State of California.

Dated: June 30, 1953.

Freeman Keyes (signed)
Freeman Keyes

Bo C. Roos (signed)
Bo C. Roos

Frank B. Belcher (signed)
Frank B. Belcher

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On June 30, 1952, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared FREEMAN KEYES, BO C. ROOS, and FRANK B. BELCHER, known to me to be the persons who executed the within Instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

SEAL

CAROLYN HULL (signed)
Notary Public in and for said County
and State.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN
EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO
DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE
PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant
Docket No. DMAL 2884
Metal or Mineral _____
Date Received 2-12-53
Estimated Cost _____
Participation (Government %) _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME OF APPLICANT. - (a) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address:

ARCHER ENTERPRISES, 510 SO SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA

(b) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(c) If a Corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers. NOT APPLICABLE

(d) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

ROBERT D. PRIOR, 1604 Country Club Drive, Glendale 8, California,
(General Partner)

FRANK B. BELCHER, 510 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 13, California,
(Limited Partner)

BO. C. ROOS, 400 No. Camden St., Beverly Hills, California,
(Limited Partner)

FREEMAN KEYES, Calmolen Bldg., Chicago, Illinois, (Limited Partner)

2. GENERAL.- Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. APPLICANT'S PROPERTY RIGHTS.- (a) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract.

"Archer Claims Nos. One (1) to Seven (7) Inclusive, Located in Sections

Two (2) and Three (3), Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Thirteen (13)

East, M.D.B.M. Unpatented."

ARCHER ENTERPRISES
510 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles 13, California.

(b) State any mine name by which the property is known.

ARCHER MINE

(c) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise.

PURCHASER UNDER BOND LEASE

(d) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

COPY OF BOND LEASE AND ASSIGNMENTS ATTACHED

(e) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it.

NO LIENS

(f) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice.

Claim #1	Book 2088	Page 343
" #2	" 2088	" 346
" #3	" 2088	" 348
" #4	" 2088	" 345
" #5	" 2088	" 347
" #6	" 2088	" 349
" #7	" 2088	" 350

4. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.- (a) Describe in detail any mining or explorations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

The Archer Mine, located in the Southwest part of Fresno County California, was discovered in 1904, by the late Joseph Byles of Coalinga, California. An adit was driven 500 feet parallel to the serpentine-shale contact, crossing numerous veins of ore which were drifted on and stoped out. The ore, after being handsorted averaged about 1 1/2% mercury and retorts were used to extract the mercury from the cinnabar. Later a winze was sunk 115 feet on an ore body.

The former operators have driven an adit 1400 feet, at a level 220 feet below and paralleling the upper adit. The mineralized area at this point was found to be richer and more abundant. There has been one raise driven between the two levels, the lower portion being in ore. This raise is now used for ventilation of the mine.

The former operators shipped their ore 18 miles by truck to the New Idria Mine for processing, producing in excess of 150 flask of mercury. Being encouraged by the results, the former operators then installed a Rotary Furnace with a maximum capacity of 80 ton/day. The furnace was operated for short periods, resulting in the production of approximately 100 flash of mercury.

In October, 1951, a core drilling operation was initiated to prospect for ore between the two levels. Poor recovery of cores and unusually bad weather forced the former operators to suspend operations.

4. (a) Continued

The veins of ore crosscut the main drift. The ore is removed by drifting and stoping, leaving pillars in the stopes and using timber wherever necessary. Six of the stopes have been worked and new stopes are now being developed to carry on furnace operation. Ore showings are still found with almost every round in the main drift heading eastward, and it is intended to carry the drift eastward until the end of the mineralized area is reached, or at least another 100 feet.

Except on the contact with the serpentine, the shale holds up very well and the mine workings are accessible for examination at any time.

(b) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

A program to improve the recovery from the furnace was started on October 7, 1952, by the present operators and short 4 to 5 day trial runs have been made. From an average of 1 flask of mercury per day, the recovery has been increased to 2.4 flasks per day. During this program 1,820 tons of ore was used in 45 days of furnace operation, averaging 40 tons per day and producing a total of 83 flasks of mercury. With new stopes being developed and the furnace making a reasonable recovery, the operators feel that a full time schedule can be maintained and the tonage increased as rapidly as mining operations permit. 0.17%

Mr. Stuart H. Ingram, mining engineer, while doing consulting work for the former operator, said in his report, "For the present we can only regard as ore that shown by present sampling to average better than 3 pounds per ton, or that close enough to the break-even figures to count on raising it by selective stoping. There are three such zones. The first zone is that of the old square set stope at the west end of the workings. Eleven samples taken around the walls average 6.1 pounds over an area of fifteen by twenty feet, or twenty tons per vertical foot. The tunnel at that point is about 175 feet below the surface giving a probable 3500 tons in that block. There may be much more, since the length of ore shoot is greater than the length of ore exposed by the stope. The second zone runs from 75 feet west of Survey Station 9, to Survey Station 10 a distance along the vein of 155 feet, from which average of all samples taken is 3.9 pounds. The width is not less than ten feet, which would furnish a minimum 100 tons per vertical foot, and which if it persists to the upper tunnel would supply 20,000 tons. This quantity estimate is probably ultra conservative, since there is twenty feet of material between the tunnel and the serpentine, also there are stringers that have been followed and mined for fifteen to twenty feet to the south of the drift. It is possible that this body may actually furnish good ore to three or four times twenty thousand tons. Also the grade will be somewhat higher, as low grade spots can be left as pillars in the stopes. The third zone is exposed by the last forty-five feet of the east end of the tunnel, representing a volume of thirty tons per vertical foot. The average of assays from both sides of the drift and Drill hole No. 5 is 2.82 pounds per ton, or less than the three pound figure of the breaking point. However the drift in that area lies against the serpentine contact, and the northern side of the drift contains about one foot of contact gouge material that is mostly barren, good stringers of cinnabar ending abruptly on striking the gouge. A mathematical average of samples from both sides does not therefore give a true picture since samples from the north side

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4. (b) Continued

are representative of only one foot, while those from the south side represent four feet of known ore plus some lying to the south of the south side, which presumably is of the same grade. Also Drill hole No. 5 does not cut the strong stringer which on the south side of the drift assays 20 pounds per ton, hence that rich streak is not properly represented in the sampling. It is therefore my belief that this area will furnish ore of substantially the grade indicated by the series of samples from the south side, which over that area averages 4.41 pounds.

Since further selection of ore can be made in stoping, by leaving the poorer spots unmined, as stope pillars, the three areas indicated are ready for the start of stoping operations to provide furnace feed. They provide room for at least three working faces, each of which can furnish twenty five tons of ore daily, which would leave only five tons daily of the estimated furnace capacity to be supplied from development faces. With selective stoping the grade of ore mined can be held above four pounds per ton.

In addition to ore from underground mining the dumps of the upper level can be relied on to furnish additional profitable furnace feed. As mentioned, they will probably average less than three pound per ton, but the work of mining them is already done. Actual cost of reclamation and furnacing will, I estimate, lie between \$3.00 and \$5.00 per ton. They should be held as an ore reserve on which to operate the furnace in case of interruptions to mining.

Summing up, present sampling indicates probable ore as follows:

Square set stope	3500 tons
Stope at Stations 9 and 10	20,000 "

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4. (b) Continued

Stope near tunnel face	6,000 tons
Surface dump, sampled	<u>1,500 "</u>
total	31,000 tons. "

At present at least a 4 lbs/ton average is being maintained and as the furnace recovery is increased then the mining average will be lowered to include a larger reserve of ore.

(c) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.) and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

The cinnabar at the Archer is found in shear zones in the Panoche Shale (Cretaceous). The zones strike northward and dip at angles from 60° to 70°, about half dipping to the east and the other half to the west.

The shale contacts the serpentine (Jurassic) along a fault which trends north of east and dips from 50° to 70° south. The shale beds strike north-west and dip 70° southwest. There is from 5 to 20 feet of sheared serpentine and shale along the fault, and the shale is altered from 50 to 100 feet from the contact.

The ore in the shear zones varies in that some of the zones are richer near the contact while others become richer going away from the contact. Recently, one small vein of solid cinnabar measuring from 2 to 4 inches in thickness was found over 40 feet from the serpentine contact.

No cinnabar has been found in the serpentine at the Archer. The accessory minerals, pyrite, marcacito, calcite and quartz are found in large quantities. Being a low temperature deposit, the metamorphic effects are of a low degree.

The ore veins on the bottom of the lower level are wider, richer

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4. (c) Continued

and more numerous than above the level, indicating that the ore zone continues below. Cinnabar deposits are known to be shallow but the Archer has not yet been prospected to any appreciable depth and every known fact about the deposit indicates that the workings are still above the main deposit.

(d) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

The Archer mine is reached from Coalinga, California, by 22 miles of blacktop county road and 6 miles of private road. Within the last six months over \$5,000 has been spent on re-routing and graveling the private road by the Archer Company and a chrome mining company operating within 2 miles of the Archer mine. The road is now usable the year around.

For supplies not obtainable in Coalinga, one may ship by truck or railroad from Los Angeles and San Francisco, and receive supplies within 24 hours.

The Archer Camp is at an elevation of 3000 feet and the mine is located 500 feet higher and three quarters of a mile from the camp.

(e) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

There is an average of 15 men employed at the Archer besides the cook and helper, but it is expected to increase the employment when the proposed winze work begins. The key positions are held by permanent employees and although there is the usual turnover of miners, they are available.

Nearly all supplies for the mine can be purchased within a 250 mile radius of Coalinga. Timber for the mine must be purchased in Coalinga and hauled to the mine.

Water is supplied by two springs, one above and one below the mine. The upper spring supplying water for mining operations; the lower spring supplying the camp.

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4. (e) Continued.

The power is supplied for the mine by two gasoline driven air compressors and for the furnace plant by gasoline driven electric generator.

Other equipment necessary to carry on the work is owned by the present operators.

5. THE EXPLORATION PROJECT.- (a) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore.

CINNABAR IS THE MINERAL TO BE EXPLORED FOR.

(b) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

It is proposed to sink a winze 100 feet in depth. The winze is to be located in the lower drift, 35 feet from the serpentine contact in the cross-cut drift south of survey station No. 10 as shown on the assay map of the Archer Mine.

This location is close to the richer mineralized area of the mine and will be reasonably close to any ore found by developing the lower drift eastward.

The winze is to be timbered 5 feet by 10³ feet and divided into two compartments, one for hoisting ore and the other for manway and service. It is to be sunk at an angle of 65° as the serpentine contact dips at 55° near the site but increases to 75° going east. It is hoped to maintain the angle of 65° because of the rapid loss in vertical distance of angles less than 65°.

From the 100 feet depth of the winze it is proposed to drive 200 feet of drift paralleling the lower tunnel. It is planned to divide the 200 feet by going 100 feet eastward and 100 feet westward unless ore indica-

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5. (b) Continued

tions are such that a different division is advisable. The present drift is to be driven ahead for at least 100 feet more.

(c) The work will start within 60 days and be completed within 12 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(d) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

The supervisor of the Archer Mine holds a B. A. degree in Geology from the University of Montana and has been in mining for the past eight years, with over three years employed as a miner in the Butte Mines.

He has been employed by the Archer for over eight months, and is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the furnace and mine and also performs the assay work which is done on the property.

6. ESTIMATE OF COSTS.- Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(a) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTS (Note.- If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "None" after this Item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

Operator will, if found more economical and practical, contract the work proposed. Due to the small amount of work proposed, contract could be made with five or six good miners to carry out the project. Negotiating such a contract would dependent on conditions at time of loan being granted.

(b) LABOR, SUPERVISION, CONSULTANTS.- Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

WINZE & CROSSCUTS

Miners at \$13.06 per day
Hoist Man at \$12.24 per day
Trammer at \$12.24 per day
Total

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6. (b) Continued:

DRIVING PRESENT HEADING	Miners at	13.06 per day
	Trammer at	12.24 " "
SUPERVISOR & CONSULTANT at		15.00 " "
MECHANIC & TRUCK DRIVER at		12.24 " "

(c) OPERATING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES.- Furnish an itemized list of any items of equipment costing less than \$50.00 each, and power, water and fuel.

Present equipment owned by operator will, with some repairs carry out project.

(d) OPERATING EQUIPMENT.- Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

2 -210 CFM Compressors - rental	8.00 per day each
1 - Compressed air locomotive rental	5.00 per day
2 - Jack hammers - rental	3.00 per day each
1 - Drifter- rental	3.00 per day
Hoist- rental	1.00 per day

(e) REHABILITATION AND REPAIRS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

Present buildings adequate. Compressors to be overhauled, estimated Cost of \$500.00 each.

(f) NEW BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS, INSTALLATIONS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

No new improvements contemplated, unless new developments warrants same.

(g) MISCELLANEOUS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs

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to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of Operator's equipment) analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employer's liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

Maintenance of equipment and repairs to same during program estimated at \$500 per month, which includes compensation for one mechanic; Compensation Insurance of approximately \$11 per \$100 of payroll; Payroll Taxes of 4.2% of payroll.

(h) Contingencies. - Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.- No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

While the Operator has a reasonable supply of drill steel, air and water hoses, bits, etc. on hand, replacements of same will have to be made as worn out.

ESTIMATED COSTS PER FOOT OF WINZE

1. Labor per foot (mining, hoisting, tramming)	\$50.00
2. Consultant, Mechanic & Truck Driver	15.00
3. Gasoline & Oil	2.50
4. Dynamite, Caps, Fuse	5.00
5. Drill steel - bits	2.00
6. Timber	6.00
7. Equipment Rental	7.50
8. Air & water lines	1.00
9. Insurance & Taxes	4.00
10. Repairs & Maintenance	2.00
11. Transportation & Lodging	3.00
12. Contingencies	2.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>

\$100.00

100 Feet Winze at \$100

\$10,000.00

ESTIMATED COST PER FOOT OF CROSS-CUTS

Labor per foot	40.00
Minning, Hoisting, Tramming	
Consulting & Mechanics	8.00
Truck Driver	
Gasoline- oil	2.50
Dynamite, Caps, Fuse	2.00
Drill Steel- Bits	1.50
Rail, Ties, Etc.	5.00

70.00

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6. (h) Continued

Timber	2.00
Equipment Rental	2.50
Air, Water Lines	1.00
Insurance & Taxes	2.00
Repairs, Maintenance	1.00
Transportation & Lodging	1.50
Contingencies	1.00

TOTAL \$70.00

200 Feet of Cross Cuts

\$14,000.00

ESTIMATED COST PER FOOT OF DRIFT

42.00

Labor per foot	16.00
Mining, Tramming	
Consulting, Mechanics	8.00
Truck Driver	
Gasoline- Oil	2.00
Dynamite- caps- fuse	2.00
Drill Steel- Bits	1.50
Rail- Ties Etc.	5.00
Timber	2.00
Equipment Rental	1.50
Air- Water Lines	1.00
Insurance & Taxes	1.00
Transportation - Lodging	1.00
Contingencies	1.00

TOTAL

\$42.00

100 Feet Drift at \$42.00

4,200.00

TOTAL LOAN REQUESTED ----- \$28,200.00

7. (a) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

YES

(b) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

MONEY AND USE OF EQUIPMENT

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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.

DATED Feb 9 1953

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BY: _____

[Signature]

[Signature]

TITLE 18, U. S. CODE (CRIMES, SECTION 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this day of
1943, by and between BENJAMIN J. BYLES and NORMA A.
BYLES, his wife, JAMES H. BYLES and ETHEL BYLES, his wife, SIDNEY
W. BYLES and NETTIE BYLES, his wife, EDWARD L. BYLES and BESS BYLES,
his wife, and GEORGE R. BYLES and JENETTA BYLES, his wife, parties
of the First Part, hereinafter referred to as "Lessors" and ARCHER
MINING COMPANY, a California corporation, party of the Second Part,
hereinafter referred to as "Lessee",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the lessors are the owners of six certain lode mining claims located on the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Three (3) and the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Two (2), Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Thirteen (13) West M.D.B. & M., Fresno County, California, and containing one hundred twenty acres, more or less, the names and location notices of such lode mining claims being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" hereto attached, and which said six lode mining claims are sometimes known and herein referred to as the "Archer Mine"; and

21 WHEREAS, the lessee herein named desires to operate said
22 Archer Mine and acquire title thereto:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY
24 and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. That lessors warrant they are the sole owners of said Archer Mine, consisting of six (6) lode mining claims, all unpatented, and that there are no liens or encumbrances against the same, and that the lessors and their predecessors in interest have been in the exclusive possession of said Archer Mine for more than thirty-eight years last past and have duly performed any and all required annual assessment work required prior to July 1, 1943.

32 2. That the lessors are the sole owners of all that

1 certain personal property located in and about said Archer Mine, and
2 more particularly described in Exhibit "B" hereto attached, which
3 said personal property is for convenience hereinafter referred to
4 as "Archer Mine equipment".

5 3. That the lessors shall forthwith execute and deliver
6 into escrow with the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles,
7 Coalinga Branch, Coalinga, California, a good and sufficient bill
8 of Sale to the lessee of said Archer Mine equipment, warranting
9 title free and clear of liens and encumbrances, together with a
10 deed from the lessors to the lessee of said Archer Mine, and at
11 the same time instruct said bank to obtain a title report from
12 a reliable title company in Fresno County as to the title to said
13 Archer Mine and as to any chattel mortgages or other encumbrances
14 against said Archer Mine equipment.

15 4. Lessee shall forthwith deposit in escrow with said
16 bank the sum of \$5,000.00, with instructions to said bank to
17 deliver the same to Benjamin J. Byles and/or Norma A. Byles when
18 said bank shows title in said Archer Mine vested in the lessors,
19 free and clear of all encumbrances other than this agreement, and
20 said bank shall hold said deed and bill of sale subject to the
21 payment by the lessee to the lessors of the sum of \$75,000.00 as
22 hereinafter provided.

23 5. That the lessee will pay to the lessors, in the man-
24 ner hereinafter provided and as the purchase price of said mine,
25 in addition to said sum of \$5,000.00 to be paid through escrow as
26 aforesaid, the sum of \$70,000.00, which said sum shall be in full
27 and complete payment of said mine as in paragraph 4 above set forth.
28 That said \$70,000.00 shall be payable in the manner following, to-
29 wit: 10% of the amount received from any and all quicksilver and
30 other minerals which may be produced and sold from said premises,
31 less only the deductions herein provided; provided, however, that
32 said lessee shall pay to lessors an advance minimum monthly royalty

1 of \$200.00, commencing on the 1st day of November, 1943, and con-
2 tinuing thereafter each month until the additional sum of \$32,500.00
3 has been paid; and provided further that, if the total of said ad-
4 vance minimum monthly payments together with the payments on ac-
5 count of the 10% royalty have not totaled the sum of \$5,000.00 on
6 or before November 1, 1944, then and in such event lessee shall
7 pay lessors any difference between the amount of advance monthly
8 minimum and 10% royalty payments during said period and the sum
9 of \$5,000.00. That, when the total sum of \$37,500.00 including
10 payment of \$5,000.00 into escrow has been paid, lessee shall not
11 be obligated to make further advance minimum monthly payments of
12 \$200.00, or any other sum, but will continue to pay lessors the
13 royalty of 10% as herein provided. That lessee may at any time
14 pay any additional sum or the whole of the balance of said purchase
15 price. In determining the amount of the 10% royalty to be paid
16 in any calendar month there shall be credited upon such payment
17 the \$200.00 minimum royalty paid by the lessee to the lessor for
18 the month in which the quicksilver was produced and on which the
19 royalty was to be paid.

20 6. That, upon said sum of \$5,000.00 being paid to
21 lessors through escrow as hereinabove provided, the lessee shall,
22 within thirty days from date hereof, enter upon said Archer Mine
23 and occupy and work the same in a good and minerlike fashion and
24 in the manner necessary or proper for good and economical mining
25 of said property so as to take out the largest amount of commercial
26 ore possible with due regard to development and preservation of
27 the property as a workable mine, and to retort, process or other-
28 wise treat said ore for the purpose of removing mercury and/or
29 other minerals therefrom, and to market in its own name such merc-
30 ury or other minerals, and the lessee shall be entitled to retain
31 possession of said Archer Mine so long as it shall perform the
32 terms, conditions and covenants of this agreement, and in that

1 connection the lessee shall occupy and hold all cross or parallel
2 lodes, spurs or mineral deposits of any kind which may be discover-
3 ed by the lessee or any person as his agent or employee upon the
4 premises, with the agreement and understanding that the same shall
5 in all instances be part and parcel of said Archer Mine. That the
6 lessee herein named shall be entitled to use each and all of the
7 items of personal property described in said bill of sale in and
8 about Archer Mine in the ordinary and customary manner but shall
9 not use said property elsewhere. Said lessee shall not be liable
10 for any breakage, loss or damage to said personal property so long
11 as said personal property is so used. Said lessee shall not sell
12 or dispose of said personal property except as herein provided.
13 should said lessee desire to apply any items of said personal
14 property as a part of the purchase price of similar personal prop-
15 erty, to be similarly used, the lessee may so apply said personal
16 property provided the full balance of the purchase price of said
17 new personal property shall be paid. Title to the new personal
18 property shall at once vest in the lessors but said new personal
19 property shall be deemed included in said bill of sale.

20 7. That upon taking possession of the Archer Mine
21 said lessee shall without delay commence operations for driving a
22 drift at a level approximately 225 feet below the lowest existing
23 drift on said property, which said drift shall be of a height and
24 width sufficient to comply at all times with all rules and regula-
25 tions of all governmental agencies and the statutes and ordinances
26 applicable thereto, and shall be continued by the lessee until a
27 distance of 1200 feet has been driven, or an ore body in commercial
28 quantities has been encountered at a lesser distance, such work to
29 be suspended only by reason of unforeseen mechanical difficulties
30 or other reasons as hereinafter set forth on in the opinion of
31 competent geologists of the parties hereto, the further driving
32 of said drift would in all probability not result in the discovery

1 of any further commercial ore.

2 8. That, so long as the price of quicksilver at Los
3 Angeles, California, is not less than \$75.00 per flask, said
4 lessee will continue to operate said property and produce ore
5 therefrom. Should the price of mercury at Los Angeles drop be-
6 low \$75.00 a flask, said lessee may suspend operations during
7 such time as the price is below \$75.00 per flask but shall, never-
8 the less, do all work necessary, or required by reason of any
9 statutes of the United State of America as annual labor and/or
10 improvements, to hold title to such "Archer Mine."

11 9. That the lessee shall pay to the lessors on account
12 of the purchase price of said property an amount equal to 10% of
13 all amounts received by the lessee from the sale of quicksilver
14 or any other minerals that may be produced from said premises,
15 without deduction except the cost of transportation from the mine
16 to the point of sale, including insurance against theft or other
17 loss, which said payments shall continue until the full purchase
18 price is paid and which said amount shall be paid by the lessee
19 to the lessors on or before the 10th day of the calendar month
20 following the month in which said quicksilver or other minerals
21 have been sold or disposed of, said payment to be made to the
22 lessors through the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles,
23 Coalinga Branch, Coalinga, California; it being understood that
24 the provisions hereof are subject to paragraph 5 above.

25 10. That said lessee shall pay all taxes levied and
26 charged against said premises, together with any and all install-
27 ments on assessments for local improvements, which said payments
28 shall be made by the lessee before said taxes or payments for
29 local improvement shall become delinquent.

30 11. That lessee shall keep true, complete and accurate
31 books of account showing all quicksilver and other minerals produc-
32 ed by it under the terms and provisions of this agreement and all

1 amounts of quicksilver and other minerals sold and disposed of by
2 it, the persons to whom such minerals were sold, place at which
3 same was sold, the amount received by the lessee from said miner-
4 als, the cost of transportation and insurance in connection with
5 the transporting of said quicksilver and other minerals from the
6 mine to point of sale or disposal, and said books of account or
7 records shall be open at all times during reasonable business hours
8 to the lessors or their duly authorized agent.

9 That the lessors, or their agent, may from time to time,
10 during reasonable working hours, enter upon said Archer Mine for
11 the purpose of inspection.

12 12. That all work done in and about said premises by
13 the lessee shall be at its sole cost and expense, and the lessee
14 shall keep said premises, and every part thereof, at all times free
15 and clear of all mechanics, miners and/or other liens and encum-
16 brances of every nature and description, and shall pay all in-
17 debtedness and liabilities incurred by the lessee which may or
18 might become a lien on said premises before said indebtedness or
19 liabilities shall become such lien, and shall permit the lessors
20 to go upon the Archer Mine to post, and at all times keep posted,
21 in some conspicuous place upon said premises such notices as the
22 lessors may desire to the effect that the interests of the lessors
23 shall not be subject to any lien for service, labor or materials
24 furnished upon or used in connection with said premises.

25 13. That the lessee shall assume all responsibility
26 for and save the lessors harmless from any and all liability and
27 claims for liability which may arise by reason of lessee's opera-
28 tions upon or about said Archer Mine.

29 14. That the said lessee shall, at its own cost and ex-
30 pense, provide Workmen's Compensation insurance at once upon the
31 commencement of operations hereunder so as to protect the interests
32 of the lessors in said premises from the lien of any judgment ob-

1 tained in any action brought by reason of any injury of any workman
2 in or about said premises, and said lessee shall furthermore conduct
3 all operations in and about said premises in such respect as will
4 fully comply with the laws of the State of California and all
5 safety regulations prescribed by any duly authorized body.

6 15. That no equipment, tools, machinery and moveable
7 structures and improvements and personal property of any nature or
8 description brought or placed upon said premises by the lessee for
9 use in and about said Archer Mine shall become fixtures but shall
10 remain the property of the lessee and shall be subject to removal
11 by the lessee and, in the event this agreement shall be terminated,
12 for any reason, said lessee shall be entitled to remove all such
13 machinery, tools, equipment, movable structures, improvements and
14 personal property from said Archer Mine within sixty days after the
15 termination of this agreement. Provided, however, that in the event
16 lessee is in default in the payment of any amount to the lessors
17 by reason of any quicksilver or other minerals theretofore sold,
18 lessors shall have a lien upon said equipment or improvements to
19 the extent of any amount due to the lessors by reason of any such
20 quicksilver or other minerals produced and sold and on which said
21 lessors shall not have received said 10% as provided herein, and,
22 in such event, lessee shall not remove any such equipment or im-
23 provements until said payment shall have been made in full, and in
24 no event shall lessee remove any timbers placed in and about said
25 Archer Mine.

26 16. That, should the lessee be prevented by reason of
27 strikes, riots, acts of God, processes or orders of Court or other
28 government agency, or act of the common enemy, from entering upon
29 said premises and working the same, or transporting supplies to
30 said premises in the usual and customary manner, or removing ore
31 therefrom or processing or retorting said ore, or selling said
32 quicksilver, then, and in that event the lessee shall not be deemed

1 to be in default by reason of any failure to perform any of the
2 terms or provisions of this agreement because of any of the condi-
3 tions above stated.

4 17. Lessee may at any time, upon 30 days written notice
5 to the lessors, quitclaim any and all right, title or interest
6 which it might or could have under this agreement in and to said
7 Archer Mine to the lessors, and lessee shall thereafter be relieved
8 of all obligations to make any further payment of any kind hereunder,
9 or otherwise perform any act under the terms and provisions of this
10 agreement, but the giving of such quitclaim deed shall not relieve
11 lessee from any previously accrued obligation to make any payment
12 or perform any other accrued obligation under the terms and provi-
13 sions hereof.

14 18. That, in the event any action at law or in equity
15 be brought by either party hereto against the other in or about any
16 matter connected with this agreement, the party against whom judg-
17 ment shall be obtained shall pay to the other party hereto the
18 costs of such party and a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed
19 in said action by the court before whom said action may be heard.

20 19. Time is expressly made of the essence of this agree-
21 ment but the lessee shall not be deemed to be in default under the
22 terms and provisions of this agreement as the result of any failure
23 or alleged failure on its part to comply with the terms and pro-
24 visions hereof until and unless the lessors shall have first given
25 to said lessee notice in writing by mailing the same to lessee as
26 herein provided, of the existence of said default and the lessee
27 shall fail for a period of thirty days thereafter to correct such
28 failure or default. Upon the failure of lessee to so correct
29 such default or failure within said period of thirty days, then
30 the lessors may, at their option, terminate this agreement without
31 further notice to lessee and may remove said deed and bill of sale
32 from escrow with said bank, and lessee's right hereunder and in

1 said premises and equipment covered by said bill of sale shall
2 end and all sums theretofore paid by lessee to lessors hereunder
3 shall be forfeited to lessors for the use and occupancy of said
4 premises. In the event of any default on the part of the lessee
5 hereunder, lessors shall have no right to recover from the lessee
6 any minimum of royalty, or other sum hereunder, except such por-
7 tion of the 10% royalty for quicksilver produced and sold by
8 the lessee and for which it shall not have accounted to the
9 lessors.

10 20. That any notice to be given by the lessors to
11 lessee may be given by mailing a copy of said notice in an envel-
12 ope on which the postage has been prepaid addressed to lessee at
13 Los Angeles, California, or to such other
14 person or place as lessee shall from time to time designate in
15 writing.

16 Any notice to be given by lessee to the lessors may be
17 given by mailing same in an envelope upon which the postage has
18 been prepaid and addressed to lessors at 612 Van Ness Avenue,
19 Coalinga, California, or to such other person or place as the
20 Lessors may from time to time in writing designate, and deposited
21 in the Post Office in Los Angeles, California.

22 21. That this agreement shall be binding upon and
23 inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of each of
24 the parties hereto but this agreement shall not, nor shall any
25 interest therein be transferred or assigned or granted, either in
26 the form of a sub-lease or otherwise, without the written consent
27 of the lessors being first had and obtained. That lessors will
28 consent to such an assignment and sub-lease if the assignee or
29 sub-lease is of suitable financial standing and responsibility;
30 nor shall this agreement or any interest in said Archer Mine
31 become an asset in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding.

32 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto

1 their hands the day and year first hereinabove set forth.

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Attorney-in-fact

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ARCHER MINING COMPANY

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All payments heretofore made under said Bond and Lease to Lessors shall inure to the benefit of assignees herein named.

Dated, June 16th, 1952.

BY R. D. PRIOR
Pres.

BY R. Morgan Jr.
Secy.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT

The undersigned, BENJAMIN J. BYLES and NORMA A. BYLES, his wife, JAMES H. BYLES and ETHEL BYLES, his wife, SIDNEY W. BYLES and NETTIE BYLES, his wife, EDWARD L. BYLES and BESS BYLES, his wife, and GEORGE R. BYLES and JENETTA BYLES, his wife, being Lessors under a certain Bond and Lease dated July 19, 1943, with ARCHER MINING COMPANY, as Lessee, do hereby consent to the foregoing assignment of said Bond and Lease by Archer Mining Company to Bo C. Roos, Frank B. Belcher and Freeman Keyes on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the balance due to Lessors under said Bond and Lease is determined to be the sum of \$57,962.08.

2. That such balance of \$57,962.08 shall be payable to Lessors only from the amount received from the sale of quicksilver and other minerals which may be produced and sold from said premises on the following royalty basis:

(a) Five per cent (5%) of all sums received from the sale of such minerals when the ore from which such minerals is extracted averages over any twelve-day period less than seven (7) pounds of mercury per ton of ore;

(b) Seven and one-half per cent ($7\frac{1}{2}\%$) of all sums received from the sale of such minerals when the ore from which such minerals is extracted averages over any twelve-day period more than seven (7) pounds but less than ten (10) pounds of mercury per ton of ore.

(c) Ten (10) percent of all sums received from the sale of such minerals when the ore from which such minerals is extracted averages over any twelve-day

1 period more than ten (10) pounds of mercury per ton of
2 ore.

3 (d) Provided, however, that a minimum royalty shall
4 be paid of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month for
5 each calendar month, which said sum shall be credited
6 against future royalties not in excess of Two Hundred
7 Dollars (\$200.00) per month. Receipt is hereby acknow-
8 ledged by Lessors of the sum of One Thousand Dollars
9 (\$1,000.00) which shall represent payment in advance of
10 the minimum royalties for the months of July, August,
11 September, October and November of 1952.

12 3. Any notice by assignor to said assignees of said Bond
13 and Lease shall be sent to Room B18 Security Building, Los
14 Angeles 13, California.

15 4. Said assignees shall abide by and conform to all other
16 conditions of said Bond and Lease except as herein modified.

17 5. Consent is further given that BO C. ROOS, FREEMAN KEYES
18 and FRANK B. BELCHER may assign said Bond and Lease dated July
19 19, 1943, to a partnership of which they are members, such
20 assignment shall be subject to the terms hereinabove set forth.
21 Upon such assignment to said Partnership, BO C. ROOS, FREEMAN
22 KEYES and FRANK B. BELCHER shall be relieved of any personal liab-
23 ility hereunder or under said Bond and Lease.

24 Dated this 8th day of August, 1952.

25 (signed) Benjamin J. Byles
26 Benjamin J. Byles

27 (signed) Benjamin J. Byles
28 Benjamin J. Byles
29 Attorney in Fact

30 Lessors
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1 Benjamin J. Byles hereby represents and warrants that
2 he is the Attorney-in-Fact for all of the above named Lessors
3 under a presently existing Power of Attorney with full power
4 to execute this assignment of their behalf.

5 Dated this 8th day of August, 1952.

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7 Benjamin J. Byles (signed)
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A S S I G N M E N T

For a good and valuable consideration, the undersigned, FREEMAN KEYES, BO C. ROOS, and FRANK B. BELCHER hereby sell, assign, and transfer to ARCHER ENTERPRISES, a Limited Partnership, all of th eir right, title, and interest in, to and under that certain Bond and Lease dated July 19, 1943 by and between Benjamin Byles, et al. as Lessors and Archer Mining Company as Lessee, together with all their right, title, and interest in and to all equipment, personal property, and mining machinery located at and used in connection with said Archer Mine, which said Mine is located in Fresno County, State of California.

Dated: June 30, 1953.

Freeman Keyes (signed)
Freeman Keyes

Bo C. Roos (signed)
Bo C. Roos

Frank B. Belcher (signed)
Frank B. Belcher

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On June 30, 1952, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared FREEMAN KEYES, BO C. ROOS, and FRANK B. BELCHER, known to me to be the persons who executed the within Instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

SEAL

CAROLYN HULL (signed)
Notary Public in and for said County
and State.

(Revised April 1954)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Defense Minerals Administration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Form Approved
Budget Bureau
No. 42-R1035.1.

FEB 12 1953 DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN
EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO
DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE
PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant	
Docket No.	<u>DMED 2884</u>
Metal or Mineral	
Date Received	<u>2-12-53</u>
Estimated Cost	
Participation (Government %)	

INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME OF APPLICANT. - (a) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address:

ARCHER ENTERPRISES, 510 SO SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA

(b) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(c) If a Corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers. NOT APPLICABLE

(d) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

ROBERT D. PRIOR, 1604 Country Club Drive, Glendale 8, California,
(General Partner)

FRANK B. BELCHER, 510 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 13, California,
(Limited Partner)

BO. C. ROOS, 400 No. Camden St., Beverly Hills, California,
(Limited Partner)

FREDMAN KEYES, Calmolen Bldg., Chicago, Illinois, (Limited Partner)

2. GENERAL.- Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. APPLICANT'S PROPERTY RIGHTS.- (a) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract.

"Archer Claims Nos. One (1) to Seven (7) Inclusive, Located in Sections
Two (2) and Three (3), Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Thirteen (13)

East, N.D.B.M. Unpatented."

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(b) State any mine name by which the property is known.

ARCHER MINE

(c) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise.

PURCHASER UNDER BOND LEASE

(d) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

COPY OF BOND LEASE AND ASSIGNMENTS ATTACHED

(e) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it.

NO LIENS

(f) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice.

Claim #1	Book 2088	Page 343
" #2	" 2088	" 346
" #3	" 2088	" 348
" #4	" 2088	" 345
" #5	" 2088	" 347
" #6	" 2088	" 349
" #7	" 2088	" 350

4. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.- (a) Describe in detail any mining or explorations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

The Archer Mine, located in the Southwest part of Fresno County California, was discovered in 1904, by the late Joseph Byles of Coalinga, California. An adit was driven 500 feet parallel to the serpentine-shale contact, crossing numerous veins of ore which were drifted on and stoped out. The ore, after being handsorted averaged about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % mercury and retorts were used to extract the mercury from the cinnabar. Later a winze was sunk 115 feet on an ore body.

The former operators have driven an adit 1400 feet, at a level 220 feet below and paralleling the upper adit. The mineralized area at this point was found to be richer and more abundant. There has been one raise driven between the two levels, the lower portion being in ore. This raise is now used for ventilation of the mine.

The former operators shipped their ore 18 miles by truck to the New Idria Mine for processing, producing in excess of 150 flask of mercury. Being encouraged by the results, the former operators then installed a Rotary Furnace with a maximum capacity of 80 ton/day. The furnace was operated for short periods, resulting in the production of approximately 100 flash of mercury.

In October, 1951, a core drilling operation was initiated to prospect for ore between the two levels. Poor recovery of cores and unusually bad weather forced the former operators to suspend operations.

4. (a) Continued

The veins of ore crosscut the main drift. The ore is removed by drifting and stoping, leaving pillars in the stopes and using timber wherever necessary. Six of the stopes have been worked and new stopes are now being developed to carry on furnace operation. Ore showings are still found with almost every round in the main drift heading eastward, and it is intended to carry the drift eastward until the end of the mineralized area is reached, or at least another 100 feet.

Except on the contact with the serpentine, the shale holds up very well and the mine workings are accessible for examination at any time.

(b) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

A program to improve the recovery from the furnace was started on October 7, 1952, by the present operators and short 4 to 5 day trial runs have been made. From an average of 1 flask of mercury per day, the recovery has been increased to 2.4 flasks per day. During this program 1,820 tons of ore was used in 45 days of furnace operation, averaging 40 tons per day and producing a total of 83 flasks of mercury. With new stopes being developed and the furnace making a reasonable recovery, the operators feel that a full time schedule can be maintained and the tonage increased as rapidly as mining operations permit.

Mr. Stuart H. Ingram, mining engineer, while doing consulting work for the former operator, said in his report, "For the present we can only regard as ore that shown by present sampling to average better than 3 pounds per ton, or that close enough to the break-even figures to count on raising it by selective stoping. There are three such zones. The first zone is that of the old square set stope at the west end of the workings. Eleven samples taken around the walls average 6.1 pounds over an area of fifteen by twenty feet, or twenty tons per vertical foot. The tunnel at that point is about 175 feet below the surface giving a probable 3500 tons in that block. There may be much more, since the length of ore shoot is greater than the length of ore exposed by the stope. The second zone runs from 75 feet west of Survey Station 9, to Survey Station 10 a distance along the vein of 155 feet, from which average of all samples taken is 3.9 pounds. The width is not less than ten feet, which would furnish a minimum 100 tons per vertical foot, and which if it persists to the upper tunnel would supply 20,000 tons. This quantity estimate is probably ultra conservative, since there is twenty feet of material between the tunnel and the serpentine, also there are stringers that have been followed and mined for fifteen to twenty feet to the south of the drift. It is possible that this body may actually furnish good ore to three or four times twenty thousand tons. Also the grade will be somewhat higher, as low grade spots can be left as pillars in the stopes. The third zone is exposed by the last forty-five feet of the east end of the tunnel, representing a volume of thirty tons per vertical foot. The average of assays from both sides of the drift and Drill hole No. 5 is 2.82 pounds per ton, or less than the three pound figure of the breaking point. However the drift in that area lies against the serpentine contact, and the northern side of the drift contains about one foot of contact gouge material that is mostly barren, good stringers of cinnabar ending abruptly on striking the gouge. A mathematical average of samples from both sides does not therefore give a true picture since samples from the north side

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4. (b) Continued

are representative of only one foot, while those from the south side represent four feet of known ore plus some lying to the south of the south side, which presumably is of the same grade. Also Drill hole No. 5 does not cut the strong stringer which on the south side of the drift assays 20 pounds per ton, hence that rich streak is not properly represented in the sampling. It is therefore my belief that this area will furnish ore of substantially the grade indicated by the series of samples from the south side, which over that area averages 4.41 pounds.

Since further selection of ore can be made in stoping, by leaving the poorer spots unmined, as stope pillars, the three areas indicated are ready for the start of stoping operations to provide furnace feed. They provide room for at least three working faces, each of which can furnish twenty five tons of ore daily, which would leave only five tons daily of the estimated furnace capacity to be supplied from development faces. With selective stoping the grade of ore mined can be held above four pounds per ton.

In addition to ore from underground mining the dumps of the upper level can be relied on to furnish additional profitable furnace feed. As mentioned, they will probably average less than three pound per ton, but the work of mining them is already done. Actual cost of reclamation and furnacing will, I estimate, lie between \$3.00 and \$5.00 per ton. They should be held as an ore reserve on which to operate the furnace in case of interruptions to mining.

Summing up, present sampling indicates probable ore as follows:

Square set stope	3500 tons
Stope at Stations 9 and 10	20,000 "

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4. (b) Continued

Stope near tunnel face	6,000 tons
Surface dump, sampled	<u>1,500 "</u>
total	31,000 tons. "

At present at least a 4 lbs/ton average is being maintained and as the furnace recovery is increased then the mining average will be lowered to include a larger reserve of ore.

(c) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.) and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

The cinnabar at the Archer is found in shear zones in the Panoche Shale (Cretaceous). The zones strike northward and dip at angles from 60° to 70°, about half dipping to the east and the other half to the west.

The shale contacts the serpentine (Jurassic) along a fault which trends north of east and dips from 50° to 70° south. The shale beds strike northwest and dip 70° southwest. There is from 5 to 20 feet of sheared serpentine and shale along the fault, and the shale is altered from 50 to 100 feet from the contact.

The ore in the shear zones varies in that some of the zones are richer near the contact while others become richer going away from the contact. Recently, one small vein of solid cinnabar measuring from 2 to 4 inches in thickness was found over 40 feet from the serpentine contact.

No cinnabar has been found in the serpentine at the Archer. The accessory minerals, pyrite, marcacito, calcite and quartz are found in large quantities. Being a low temperature deposit, the metamorphic effects are of a low degree.

The ore veins on the bottom of the lower level are wider, richer

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4. (c) Continued

and more numerous than above the level, indicating that the ore zone continues below. Cinnabar deposits are known to be shallow but the Archer has not yet been prospected to any appreciable depth and every known fact about the deposit indicates that the workings are still above the main deposit.

(d) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

The Archer mine is reached from Coalinga, California, by 22 miles of blacktop county road and 6 miles of private road. Within the last six months over \$5,000 has been spent on re-routing and graveling the private road by the Archer Company and a chrome mining company operating within 2 miles of the Archer mine. The road is now usable the year around.

For supplies not obtainable in Coalinga, one may ship by truck or railroad from Los Angeles and San Francisco, and receive supplies within 24 hours.

The Archer Camp is at an elevation of 3000 feet and the mine is located 500 feet higher and three quarters of a mile from the camp.

(e) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

There is an average of 15 men employed at the Archer besides the cook and helper, but it is expected to increase the employment when the proposed winze work begins. The key positions are held by permanent employees and although there is the usual turnover of miners, they are available.

Nearly all supplies for the mine can be purchased within a 250 mile radius of Coalinga. Timber for the mine must be purchased in Coalinga and hauled to the mine.

Water is supplied by two springs, one above and one below the mine. The upper spring supplying water for mining operations; the lower spring supplying the camp.

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4. (e) Continued.

The power is supplied for the mine by two gasoline driven air compressors and for the furnace plant by gasoline driven electric generator.

Other equipment necessary to carry on the work is owned by the present operators.

5. THE EXPLORATION PROJECT.- (a) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore.

CINNABAR IS THE MINERAL TO BE EXPLORED FOR.

(b) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

It is proposed to sink a winze 100 feet in depth. The winze is to be located in the lower drift, 35 feet from the serpentine contact in the cross-cut drift south of survey station No. 10 as shown on the assay map of the Archer Mine.

This location is close to the richer mineralized area of the mine and will be reasonably close to any ore found by developing the lower drift eastward.

The winze is to be timbered 5 feet by 10 feet and divided into two compartments, one for hoisting ore and the other for manway and service. It is to be sunk at an angle of 65° as the serpentine contact dips at 55° near the site but increases to 75° going east. It is hoped to maintain the angle of 65° because of the rapid loss in vertical distance of angles less than 65° .

From the 100 feet depth of the winze it is proposed to drive 200 feet of drift paralleling the lower tunnel. It is planned to divide the 200 feet by going 100 feet eastward and 100 feet westward unless ore indica-

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5. (b) Continued

tions are such that a different division is advisable. The present drift is to be driven ahead for at least 100 feet more.

(c) The work will start within 60 days and be completed within 12 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(d) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

The supervisor of the Archer Mine holds a B. A. degree in Geology from the University of Montana and has been in mining for the past eight years, with over three years employed as a miner in the Butte Mines.

He has been employed by the Archer for over eight months, and is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the furnace and mine and also performs the assay work which is done on the property.

6. ESTIMATE OF COSTS.- Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(a) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTS (Note.- If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "None" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

Operator will, if found more economical and practical, contract the work proposed. Due to the small amount of work proposed, contract could be made with five or six good miners to carry out the project. Negotiating such a contract would dependent on conditions at time of loan being granted.

(b) LABOR, SUPERVISION, CONSULTANTS.- Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

WINZE & CROSSCUTS

Miners at \$13.06 per day
Hoist Man at \$12.24 per day
Trammer at \$12.24 per day
Total

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6. (b) Continued:

DRIVING PRESENT HEADING	Miners at	13.00 per day
	Trammer at	12.24 " "
SUPERVISOR & CONSULTANT at		15.00 " "
MECHANIC & TRUCK DRIVER at		12.24 " "

(c) OPERATING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES.- Furnish an itemized list of any items of equipment costing less than \$50.00 each, and power, water and fuel.

Present equipment owned by operator will, with some repairs carry out project.

(d) OPERATING EQUIPMENT.- Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

2 -210 CFM Compressors - rental	8.00 per day each
1 - Compressed air locomotive rental	5.00 per day
2 - Jack hammers - rental	3.00 per day each
1 - Drifter- rental	3.00 per day
Hoist- rental	1.00 per day

(e) REHABILITATION AND REPAIRS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

Present buildings adequate. Compressors to be overhauled, estimated Cost of \$500.00 each.

(f) NEW BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS, INSTALLATIONS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

No new improvements contemplated, unless new developments warrants same.

(g) MISCELLANEOUS.- Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs

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6. (g) Continued

to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of Operator's equipment) analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employer's liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

Maintenance of equipment and repairs to same during program estimated at \$500 per month, which includes compensation for one mechanic; Compensation Insurance of approximately \$11 per \$100 of payroll; Payroll Taxes of 4.2% of payroll.

(h) Contingencies. - Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.- No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

While the Operator has a reasonable supply of drill steel, air and water hoses, bits, etc. on hand, replacements of same will have to be made as worn out.

ESTIMATED COSTS PER FOOT OF WINZE

1. Labor per foot (mining, hoisting, tramping)	\$50.00
2. Consultant, Mechanic & Truck Driver	15.00
3. Gasoline & Oil	2.50
4. Dynamite, Caps, Fuse	5.00
5. Drill steel - bits	2.00
6. Timber	6.00
7. Equipment Rental	7.50
8. Air & water lines	1.00
9. Insurance & Taxes	4.00
10. Repairs & Maintenance	2.00
11. Transportation & Lodging	3.00
12. Contingencies	2.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>

\$100.00

100 Feet Winze at \$100

\$10,000.00

ESTIMATED COST PER FOOT OF CROSS CUTS

Labor per foot	40.00
Mining, Hoisting, Tramping	
Consulting & Mechanics	8.00
Truck Driver	
Gasoline- oil	2.50
Dynamite, Caps, Fuse	2.00
Drill Steel- Bits	1.50
Rail, Ties, Etc.	5.00

70.00

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6. (h) Continued

Timber	2.00
Equipment Rental	2.50
Air, Water Lines	1.00
Insurance & Taxes	2.00
Repairs, Maintenance	1.00
Transportation & Lodging	1.50
Contingencies	1.00
TOTAL	<u>\$70.00</u>

200 Feet of Cross Cuts

\$14,000.00

ESTIMATED COST PER FOOT OF DRIFT

42.00

Labor per foot	18.00
Mining, Tramming	
Consulting, Mechanics	8.00
Truck Driver	
Gasoline- Oil	2.00
Dynamite- caps- fuse	2.00
Drill Steel- Bits	1.50
Rail- Ties Etc.	5.00
Timber	2.00
Equipment Rental	1.50
Air- Water Lines	1.00
Insurance & Taxes	1.00
Transportation - Lodging	1.00
Contingencies	1.00
TOTAL	<u>\$42.00</u>

100 Feet Drift at \$42.00

4,200.00

TOTAL LOAN REQUESTED - - - - - \$28,200.00

7. (a) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

YES

(b) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

MONEY AND USE OF EQUIPMENT

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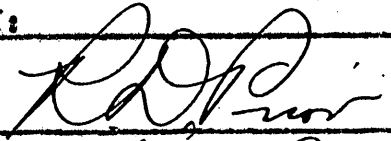

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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.

DATED Feb 9 1958

ARCHER ENTERPRISES

BY:

TITLE 18, U. S. CODE (CRIMES, SECTION 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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3 BOND AND LEASE

4 THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this day of
5 1943, by and between BENJAMIN J. EYLES and NORMA A.
6 EYLES, his wife, JAMES H. EYLES and ETHEL EYLES, his wife, SIDNEY
7 W. EYLES and NETTIE EYLES, his wife, EDWARD L. EYLES and BESS EYLES,
8 his wife, and GEORGE R. EYLES and JANETTA EYLES, his wife, parties
9 of the First Part, hereinafter referred to as "Lessors" and ARCHER
10 MINING COMPANY, a California corporation, party of the Second Part,
11 hereinafter referred to as "Lessee",

12 W I T N E S S E T H:

13 WHEREAS, the lessors are the owners of six certain lode
14 mining claims located on the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section
15 Three (3) and the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Two (2),
16 Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Thirteen (13) West M.D.B. & M.,
17 Fresno County, California, and containing one hundred twenty acres,
18 more or less, the names and location notices of such lode mining
19 claims being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" hereto at-
20 tached, and which said six lode mining claims are sometimes known
21 and herein referred to as the "Archer Mine"; and

22 WHEREAS, the lessee herein named desires to operate said
23 Archer Mine and acquire title thereto:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY
25 and between the parties hereto as follows:

26 1. That lessors warrant they are the sole owners of
27 said Archer Mine, consisting of six (6) lode mining claims, all
28 unpatented, and that there are no liens or encumbrances against
29 the same, and that the lessors and their predecessors in interest
30 have been in the exclusive possession of said Archer Mine for more
31 than thirty-eight years last past and have duly performed any and
32 all required annual assessment work required prior to July 1, 1943.

2. That the lessors are the sole owners of all that

1 certain personal property located in and about said Archer Mine, and
2 more particularly described in Exhibit "B" hereto attached, which
3 said personal property is for convenience hereinafter referred to
4 as "Archer Mine equipment".

5 3. That the lessors shall forthwith execute and deliver
6 into escrow with the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles,
7 Coalings Branch, Coalings, California, a good and sufficient bill
8 of Sale to the lessee of said Archer Mine equipment, warranting
9 title free and clear of liens and encumbrances, together with a
10 deed from the lessors to the lessee of said Archer Mine, and at
11 the same time instruct said bank to obtain a title report from
12 a reliable title company in Fresno County as to the title to said
13 Archer Mine and as to any chattel mortgages or other encumbrances
14 against said Archer Mine equipment.

15 4. Lessee shall forthwith deposit in escrow with said
16 bank the sum of \$5,000.00, with instructions to said bank to
17 deliver the same to Benjamin J. Byles and/or Norma A. Byles when
18 said bank shows title in said Archer Mine vested in the lessors,
19 free and clear of all encumbrances other than this agreement, and
20 said bank shall hold said deed and bill of sale subject to the
21 payment by the lessee to the lessors of the sum of \$75,000.00 as
22 hereinafter provided.

23 5. That the lessee will pay to the lessors, in the man-
24 ner hereinafter provided and as the purchase price of said mine,
25 in addition to said sum of \$5,000.00 to be paid through escrow as
26 aforesaid, the sum of \$70,000.00, which said sum shall be in full
27 and complete payment of said mine as in paragraph 4 above set forth.
28 That said \$70,000.00 shall be payable in the manner following, to-
29 wit: 10% of the amount received from any and all quicksilver and
30 other minerals which may be produced and sold from said premises,
31 less only the deductions herein provided; provided, however, that
32 said lessee shall pay to lessors an advance minimum monthly royalty

1 of \$200.00, commencing on the 1st day of November, 1943, and con-
2 tinuing thereafter each month until the additional sum of \$32,500.00
3 has been paid; and provided further that, if the total of said ad-
4 vance minimum monthly payments together with the payments on ac-
5 count of the 10% royalty have not totaled the sum of \$5,000.00 on
6 or before November 1, 1944, then and in such event lessee shall
7 pay lessors any difference between the amount of advance monthly
8 minimum and 10% royalty payments during said period and the sum
9 of \$5,000.00. That, when the total sum of \$37,500.00 including
10 payment of \$5,000.00 into escrow has been paid, lessee shall not
11 be obligated to make further advance minimum monthly payments of
12 \$200.00, or any other sum, but will continue to pay lessors the
13 royalty of 10% as herein provided. That lessee may at any time
14 pay any additional sum or the whole of the balance of said purchase
15 price. In determining the amount of the 10% royalty to be paid
16 in any calendar month there shall be credited upon such payment
17 the \$200.00 minimum royalty paid by the lessee to the lessor for
18 the month in which the quicksilver was produced and on which the
19 royalty was to be paid.

20 6. That, upon said sum of \$5,000.00 being paid to
21 lessors through escrow as hereinabove provided, the lessee shall,
22 within thirty days from date hereof, enter upon said Archer Mine
23 and occupy and work the same in a good and minerlike fashion and
24 in the manner necessary or proper for good and economical mining
25 of said property so as to take out the largest amount of commercial
26 ore possible with due regard to development and preservation of
27 the property as a workable mine, and to retort, process or other-
28 wise treat said ore for the purpose of removing mercury and/or
29 other minerals therefrom, and to market in its own name such merc-
30 ury or other minerals, and the lessee shall be entitled to retain
31 possession of said Archer Mine so long as it shall perform the
32 terms, conditions and covenants of this agreement, and in that

1 connection the lessee shall occupy and hold all cross or parallel
2 lodes, spurs or mineral deposits of any kind which may be discover-
3 ed by the lessee or any person as his agent or employee upon the
4 premises, with the agreement and understanding that the same shall
5 in all instances be part and parcel of said Archer Mine. That the
6 lessee herein named shall be entitled to use each and all of the
7 items of personal property described in said bill of sale in and
8 about Archer Mine in the ordinary and customary manner but shall
9 not use said property elsewhere. Said lessee shall not be liable
10 for any breakage, loss or damage to said personal property so long
11 as said personal property is so used. Said lessee shall not sell
12 or dispose of said personal property except as herein provided.
13 should said lessee desire to apply any items of said personal
14 property as a part of the purchase price of similar personal prop-
15 erty, to be similarly used, the lessee may so apply said personal
16 property provided the full balance of the purchase price of said
17 new personal property shall be paid. Title to the new personal
18 property shall at once vest in the lessors but said new personal
19 property shall be deemed included in said bill of sale.

20 7. That upon taking possession of the Archer Mine
21 said lessee shall without delay commence operations for driving a
22 drift at a level approximately 225 feet below the lowest existing
23 drift on said property, which said drift shall be of a height and
24 width sufficient to comply at all times with all rules and regula-
25 tions of all governmental agencies and the statutes and ordinances
26 applicable thereto, and shall be continued by the lessee until a
27 distance of 1200 feet has been driven, or an ore body in commercial
28 quantities has been encountered at a lesser distance, such work to
29 be suspended only by reason of unforeseen mechanical difficulties
30 or other reasons as hereinafter set forth on in the opinion of
31 competent geologists of the parties hereto, the further driving
32 of said drift would in all probability not result in the discovery

1 of any further commercial ore.

2 8. That, so long as the price of quicksilver at Los
3 Angeles, California, is not less than \$75.00 per flask, said
4 lessee will continue to operate said property and produce ore
5 therefrom. Should the price of mercury at Los Angeles drop be-
6 low \$75.00 a flask, said lessee may suspend operations during
7 such time as the price is below \$75.00 per flask but shall, never-
8 the less, do all work necessary, or required by reason of any
9 statutes of the United State of America as annual labor and/or
10 improvements, to hold title to such "Archer Mine."

11 9. That the lessee shall pay to the lessors on account
12 of the purchase price of said property an amount equal to 10% of
13 all amounts received by the lessee from the sale of quicksilver
14 or any other minerals that may be produced from said premises,
15 without deduction except the cost of transportation from the mine
16 to the point of sale, including insurance against theft or other
17 loss, which said payments shall continue until the full purchase
18 price is paid and which said amount shall be paid by the lessee
19 to the lessors on or before the 10th day of the calendar month
20 following the month in which said quicksilver or other minerals
21 have been sold or disposed of, said payment to be made to the
22 lessors through the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles,
23 Coalinga Branch, Coalinga, California; it being understood that
24 the provisions hereof are subject to paragraph 5 above.

25 10. That said lessee shall pay all taxes levied and
26 charged against said premises, together with any and all install-
27 ments on assessments for local improvements, which said payments
28 shall be made by the lessee before said taxes or payments for
29 local improvement shall become delinquent.

30 11. That lessee shall keep true, complete and accurate
31 books of account showing all quicksilver and other minerals produ-
32 ed by it under the terms and provisions of this agreement and all

1 amounts of quicksilver and other minerals sold and disposed of by
2 it, the persons to whom such minerals were sold, place at which
3 same was sold, the amount received by the lessee from said miner-
4 als, the cost of transportation and insurance in connection with
5 the transporting of said quicksilver and other minerals from the
6 mine to point of sale or disposal, and said books of account or
7 records shall be open at all times during reasonable business hours
8 to the lessors or their duly authorized agent.

9 That the lessors, or their agent, may from time to time,
10 during reasonable working hours, enter upon said Archer Mine for
11 the purpose of inspection.

12 12. That all work done in and about said premises by
13 the lessee shall be at its sole cost and expense, and the lessee
14 shall keep said premises, and every part thereof, at all times free
15 and clear of all mechanics, miners and/or other liens and encum-
16 brances of every nature and description, and shall pay all in-
17 debtedness and liabilities incurred by the lessee which may or
18 might become a lien on said premises before said indebtedness or
19 liabilities shall become such lien, and shall permit the lessors
20 to go upon the Archer Mine to post, and at all times keep posted,
21 in some conspicuous place upon said premises such notices as the
22 lessors may desire to the effect that the interests of the lessors
23 shall not be subject to any lien for service, labor or materials
24 furnished upon or used in connection with said premises.

25 13. That the lessee shall assume all responsibility
26 for and save the lessors harmless from any and all liability and
27 claims for liability which may arise by reason of lessee's opera-
28 tions upon or about said Archer Mine.

29 14. That the said lessee shall, at its own cost and ex-
30 pense, provide Workmen's Compensation insurance at once upon the
31 commencement of operations hereunder so as to protect the interests
32 of the lessors in said premises from the lien of any judgment ob-

1 tained in any action brought by reason of any injury of any workman
2 in or about said premises, and said lessee shall furthermore conduct
3 all operations in and about said premises in such respect as will
4 fully comply with the laws of the State of California and all
5 safety regulations prescribed by any duly authorized body.

6 15. That no equipment, tools, machinery and moveable
7 structures and improvements and personal property of any nature or
8 description brought or placed upon said premises by the lessee for
9 use in and about said Archer Mine shall become fixtures but shall
10 remain the property of the lessee and shall be subject to removal
11 by the lessee and, in the event this agreement shall be terminated,
12 for any reason, said lessee shall be entitled to remove all such
13 machinery, tools, equipment, movable structures, improvements and
14 personal property from said Archer Mine within sixty days after the
15 termination of this agreement. Provided, however, that in the event
16 lessee is in default in the payment of any amount to the lessors
17 by reason of any quicksilver or other minerals theretofore sold,
18 lessors shall have a lien upon said equipment or improvements to
19 the extent of any amount due to the lessors by reason of any such
20 quicksilver or other minerals produced and sold and on which said
21 lessors shall not have received said 10% as provided herein, and,
22 in such event, lessee shall not remove any such equipment or im-
23 provements until said payment shall have been made in full, and in
24 no event shall lessee remove any timbers placed in and about said
25 Archer Mine.

26 16. That, should the lessee be prevented by reason of
27 strikes, riots, acts of God, processes or orders of Court or other
28 government agency, or act of the common enemy, from entering upon
29 said premises and working the same, or transporting supplies to
30 said premises in the usual and customary manner, or removing ore
31 therefrom or processing or retorting said ore, or selling said
32 quicksilver, then, and in that event the lessee shall not be deemed

1 to be in default by reason of any failure to perform any of the
2 terms or provisions of this agreement because of any of the condi-
3 tions above stated.

4 17. Lessee may at any time, upon 30 days written notice
5 to the lessors, quitclaim any and all right, title or interest
6 which it might or could have under this agreement in and to said
7 Archer Mine to the lessors, and lessee shall thereafter be relieved
8 of all obligations to make any further payment of any kind hereunder,
9 or otherwise perform any act under the terms and provisions of this
10 agreement, but the giving of such quitclaim deed shall not relieve
11 lessee from any previously accrued obligation to make any payment
12 or perform any other accrued obligation under the terms and provi-
13 sions hereof.

14 18. That, in the event any action at law or in equity
15 be brought by either party hereto against the other in or about any
16 matter connected with this agreement, the party against whom judg-
17 ment shall be obtained shall pay to the other party hereto the
18 costs of such party and a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed
19 in said action by the court before whom said action may be heard.

20 19. Time is expressly made of the essence of this agree-
21 ment but the lessee shall not be deemed to be in default under the
22 terms and provisions of this agreement as the result of any failure
23 or alleged failure on its part to comply with the terms and pro-
24 visions hereof until and unless the lessors shall have first given
25 to said lessee notice in writing by mailing the same to lessee as
26 herein provided, of the existence of said default and the lessee
27 shall fail for a period of thirty days thereafter to correct such
28 failure or default. Upon the failure of lessee to so correct
29 such default or failure within said period of thirty days, then
30 the lessors may, at their option, terminate this agreement without
31 further notice to lessee and may remove said deed and bill of sale
32 from escrow with said bank, and lessee's right hereunder and in

1 said premises and equipment covered by said bill of sale shall
2 end and all sums theretofore paid by lessee to lessors hereunder
3 shall be forfeited to lessors for the use and occupancy of said
4 premises. In the event of any default on the part of the lessee
5 hereunder, lessors shall have no right to recover from the lessee
6 any minimum of royalty, or other sum hereunder, except such por-
7 tion of the 10% royalty for quicksilver produced and sold by
8 the lessee and for which it shall not have accounted to the
9 lessors.

10 20. That any notice to be given by the lessors to
11 lessee may be given by mailing a copy of said notice in an envel-
12 ope on which the postage has been prepaid addressed to lessee at
13 Los Angeles, California, or to such other
14 person or place as lessee shall from time to time designate in
15 writing.

16 Any notice to be given by lessee to the lessors may be
17 given by mailing same in an envelope upon which the postage has
18 been prepaid and addressed to lessors at 612 Van Ness Avenue,
19 Coalinga, California, or to such other person or place as the
20 Lessors may from time to time in writing designate, and deposited
21 in the Post Office in Los Angeles, California.

22 21. That this agreement shall be binding upon and
23 inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of each of
24 the parties hereto but this agreement shall not, nor shall any
25 interest therein be transferred or assigned or granted, either in
26 the form of a sub-lease or otherwise, without the written consent
27 of the lessors being first had and obtained. That lessors will
28 consent to such an assignment and sub-lease if the assignee or
29 sub-lease is of suitable financial standing and responsibility;
30 nor shall this agreement or any interest in said Archer Mine
31 become an asset in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding.

32 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto

their hands the day and year first hercinabove set forth.

BY

Attorney-in-fact

LESSORS.

ARCHER MINING COMPANY

BY

President,

BY

Secretary,

LESSEE.

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1 period more than ten (10) pounds of mercury per ton of
2 ore.

3 (d) Provided, however, that a minimum royalty shall
4 be paid of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month for
5 each calendar month, which said sum shall be credited
6 against future royalties not in excess of Two Hundred
7 Dollars (\$200.00) per month. Receipt is hereby acknow-
8 ledged by Lessors of the sum of One Thousand Dollars
9 (\$1,000.00) which shall represent payment in advance of
10 the minimum royalties for the months of July, August,
11 September, October and November of 1952.

12 3. Any notice by assignor to said assignees of said Bond
13 and Lease shall be sent to Room B18 Security Building, Los
14 Angeles 13, California.

15 4. Said assignees shall abide by and conform to all other
16 conditions of said Bond and Lease except as herein modified.

17 5. Consent is further given that BO C. ROOS, FREEMAN KEYES
18 and FRANK B. BELCHER may assign said Bond and Lease dated July
19 19, 1943, to a partnership of which they are members, such
20 assignment shall be subject to the terms hereinabove set forth.
21 Upon such assignment to said Partnership, BO C. ROOS, FREEMAN
22 KEYES and FRANK B. BELCHER shall be relieved of any personal liab-
23 ility hereunder or under said Bond and Lease.

24 Dated this 8th day of August, 1952.

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26 (signed) Benjamin J. Byles
Benjamin J. Byles

27 (signed) Benjamin J. Byles
28 Benjamin J. Byles
Attorney in Fact

29 Lessors
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1 Benjamin J. Byles hereby represents and warrants that
2 he is the Attorney-in-Fact for all of the above named Lessors
3 under a presently existing Power of Attorney with full power
4 to execute this assignment of their behalf.

5 Dated this 8th day of August, 1952.

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7 Benjamin J. Byles (signed)
8 Benjamin J. Byles
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A S S I G N M E N T

For a good and valuable consideration, the undersigned, FREEMAN KEYES, BO C. ROOS, and FRANK B. BELCHER hereby sell, assign, and transfer to ARCHER ENTERPRISES, a Limited Partnership, all of their right, title, and interest in, to and under that certain Bond and Lease dated July 19, 1943 by and between Benjamin Byles, et al. as Lessors and Archer Mining Company as Lessee, together with all their right, title, and interest in and to all equipment, personal property, and mining machinery located at and used in connection with said Archer Mine, which said Mine is located in Fresno County, State of California.

Dated: June 30, 1953.

Freeman Keyes (signed)
Freeman Keyes

Bo C. Roos (signed)
Bo C. Roos

Frank B. Belcher (signed)
Frank B. Belcher

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On June 30, 1953, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared FREEMAN KEYES, BO C. ROOS, and FRANK B. BELCHER, known to me to be the persons who executed the within Instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

SEAL

CAROLYN FULL (signed)
Notary Public in and for said County
and State.

(San Benito)
22°00'

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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R.B. Marshall, Chief Geographer.
Geo. R. Davis, Geographer in charge.
Topography by B.A. Jenkins, R.M. La Follette, Geo. R. Davis,
J.H. Sinclair, J.E. Blackburn, T.P. Pendleton, and C.A. Stensifer.
Control by C.F. U. S. and W.H. Monahan.
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The United States Geological Survey is making a series of standard topographic maps to cover the United States. This work has been in progress since 1882, and the published maps cover more than 47 percent of the country, exclusive of outlying possessions.

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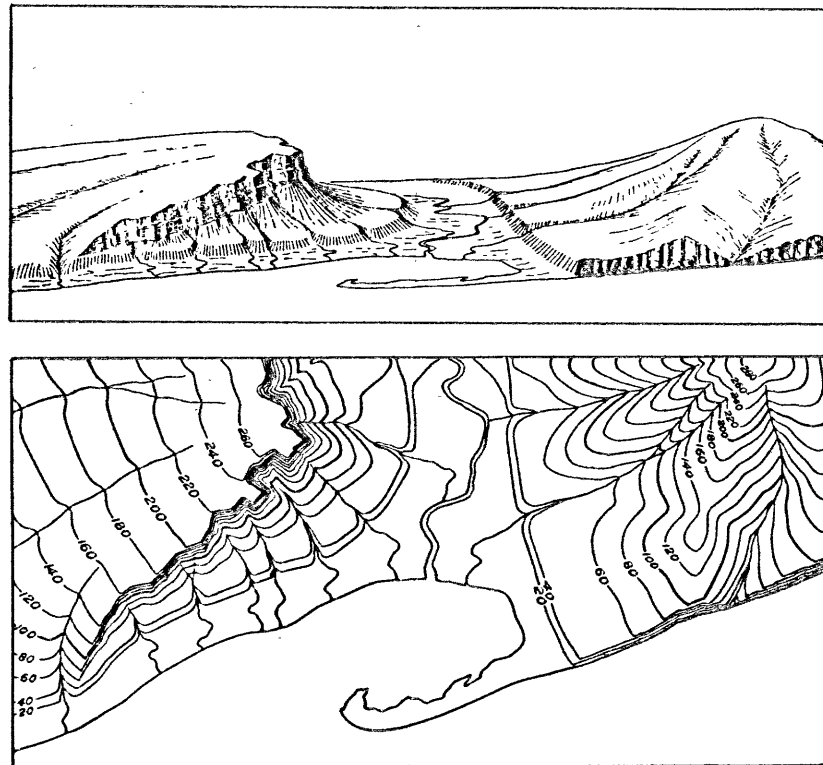
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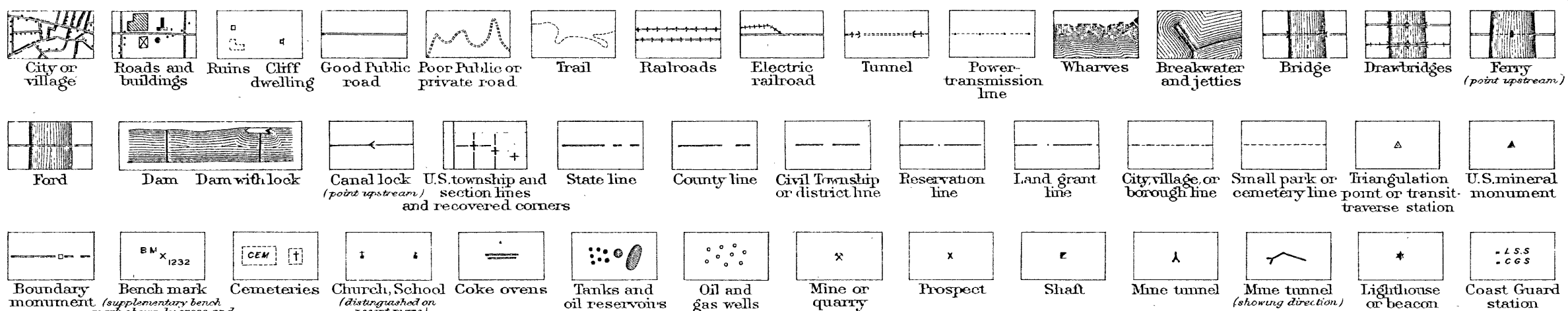
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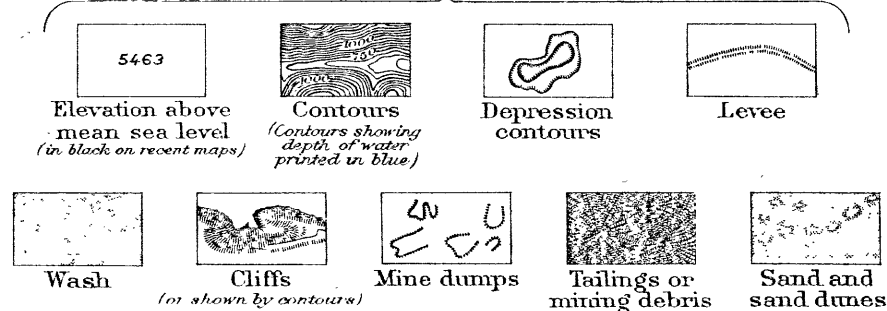
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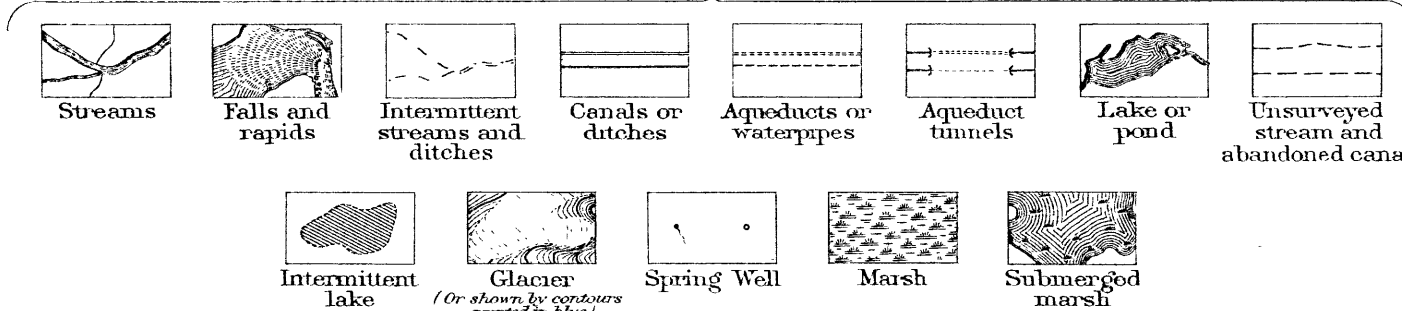
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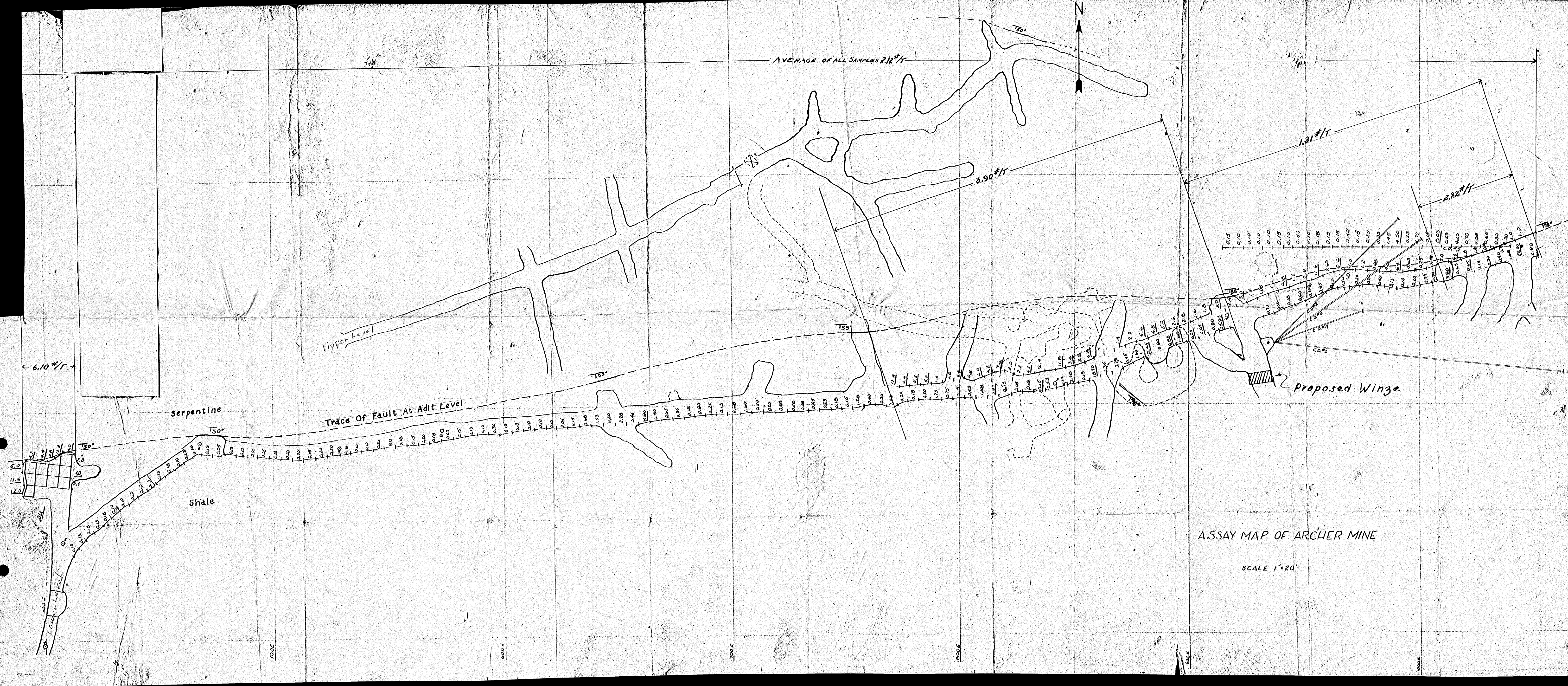


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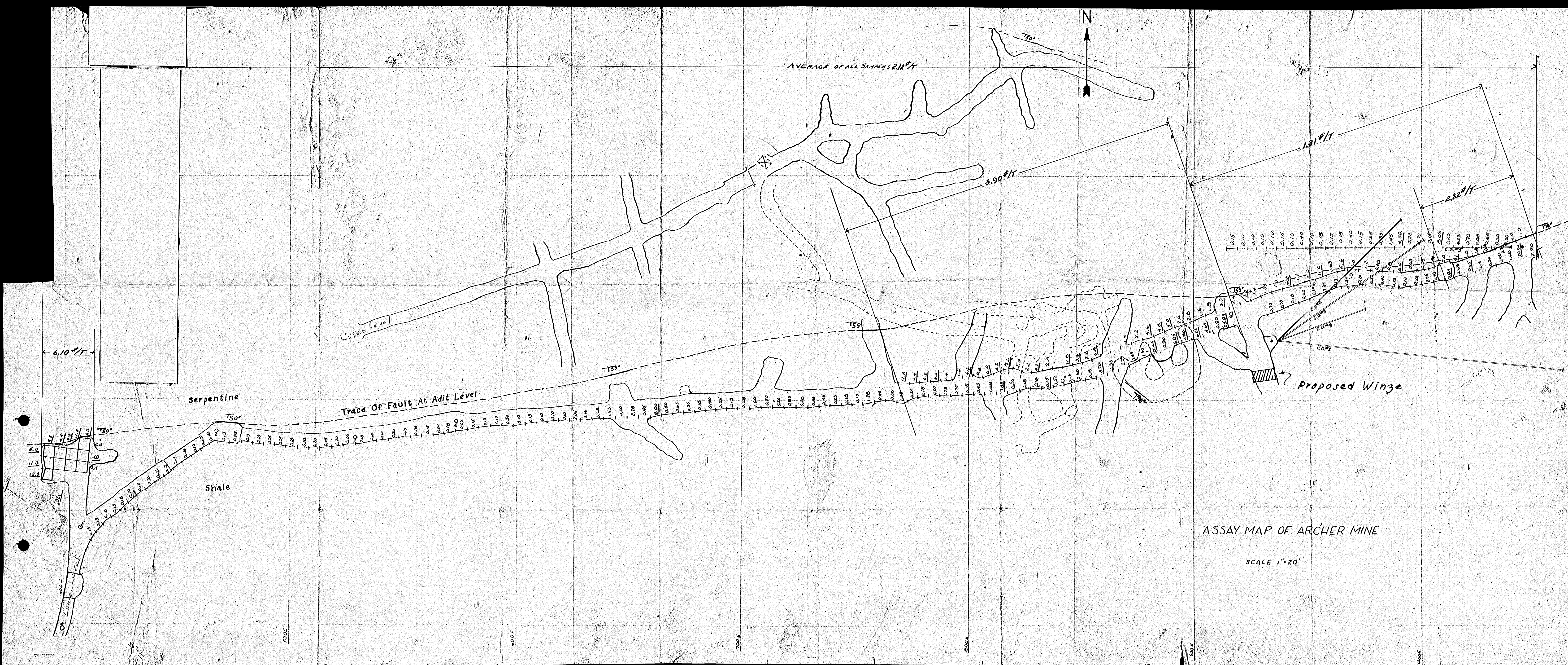
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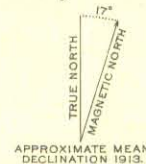
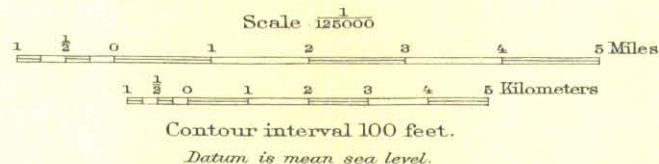




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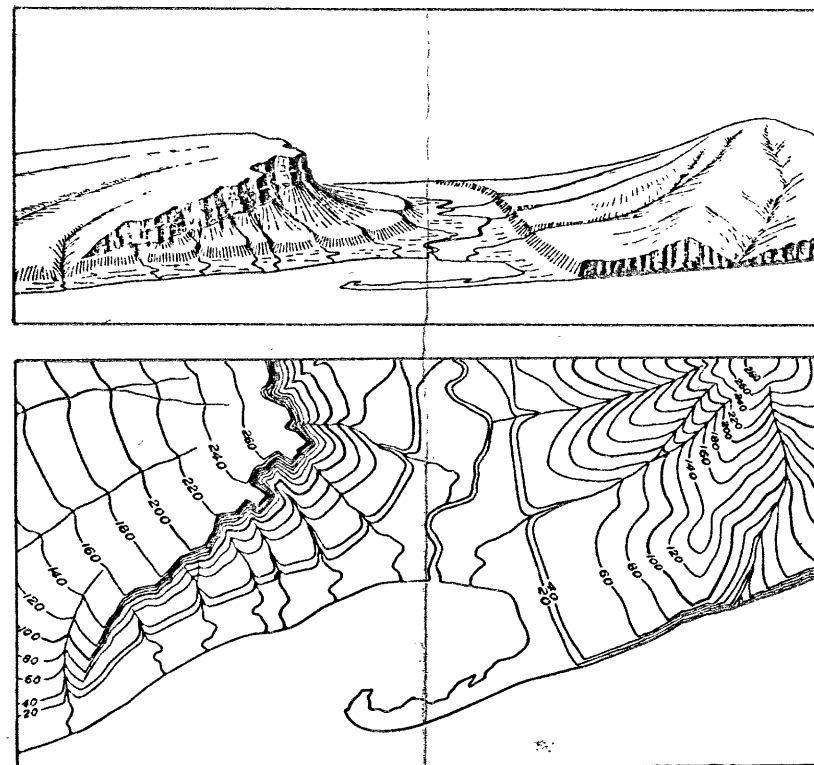
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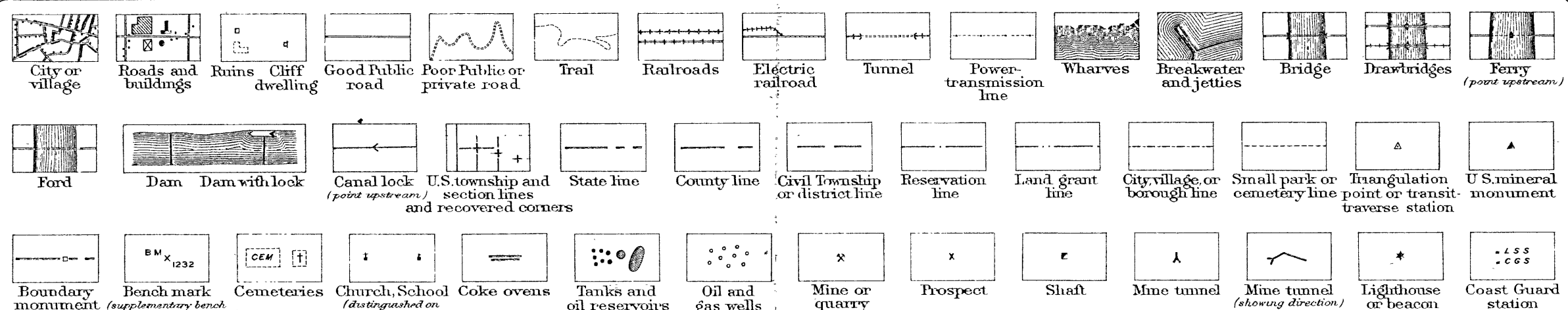
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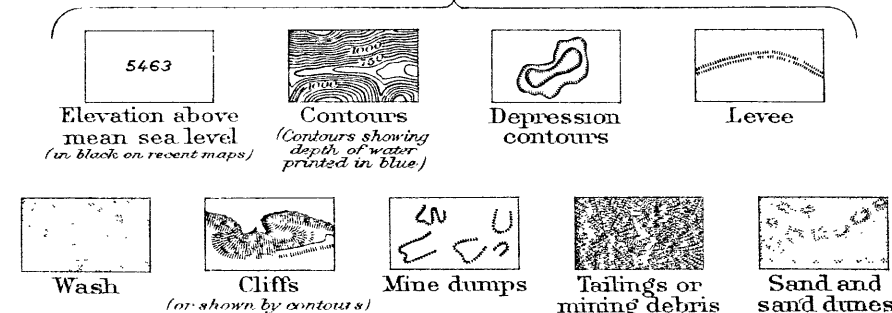
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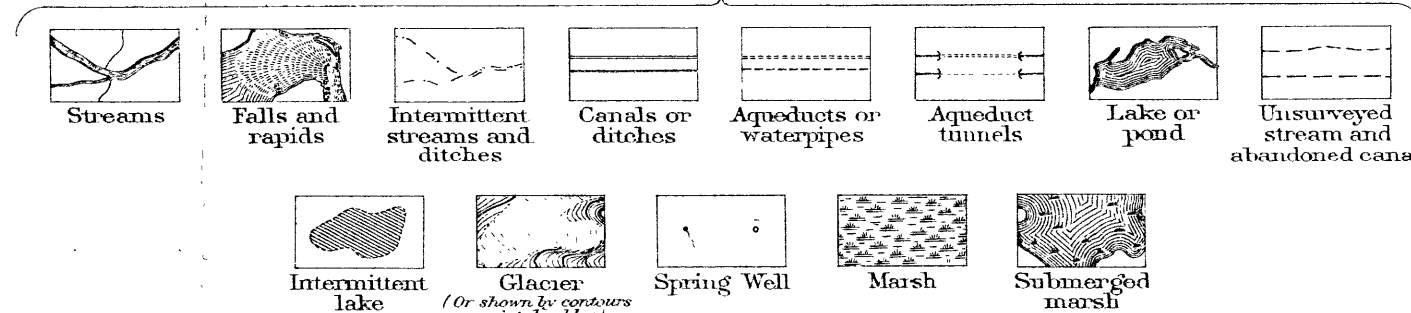
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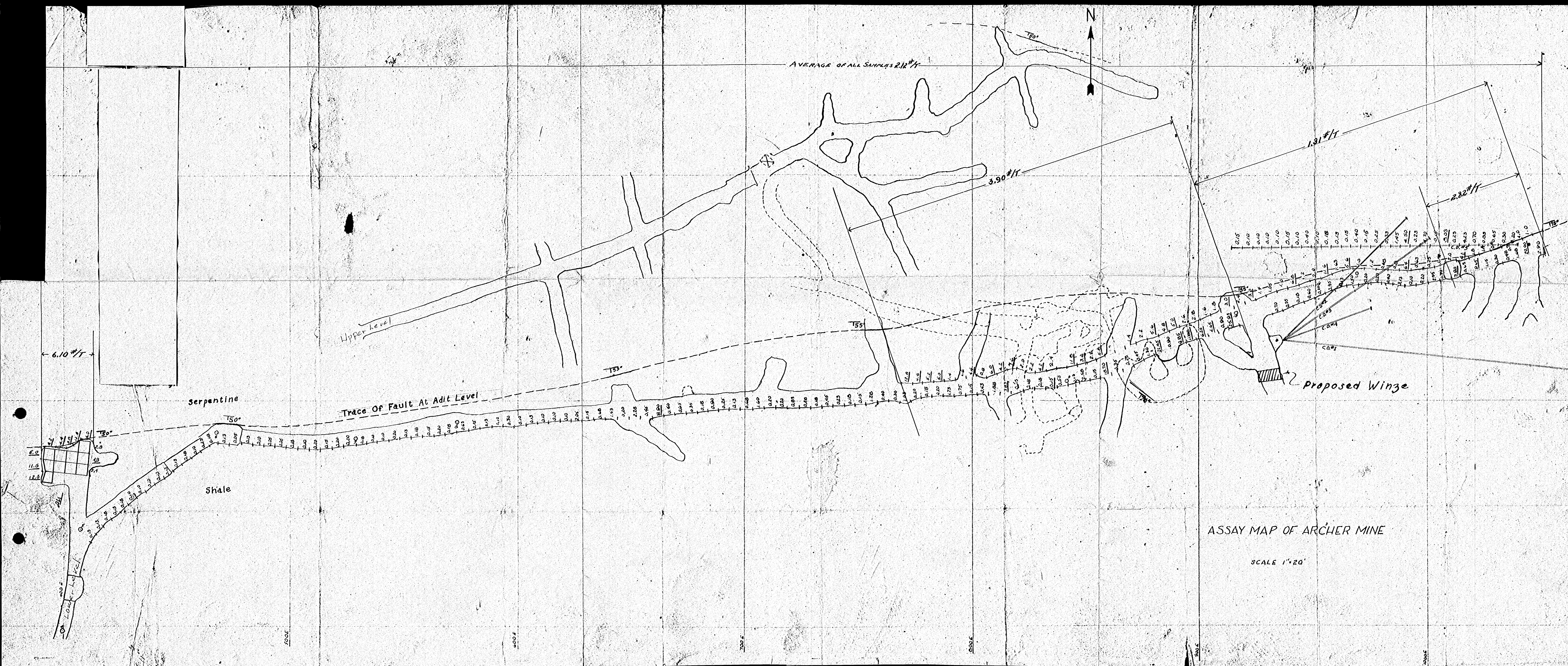


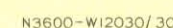
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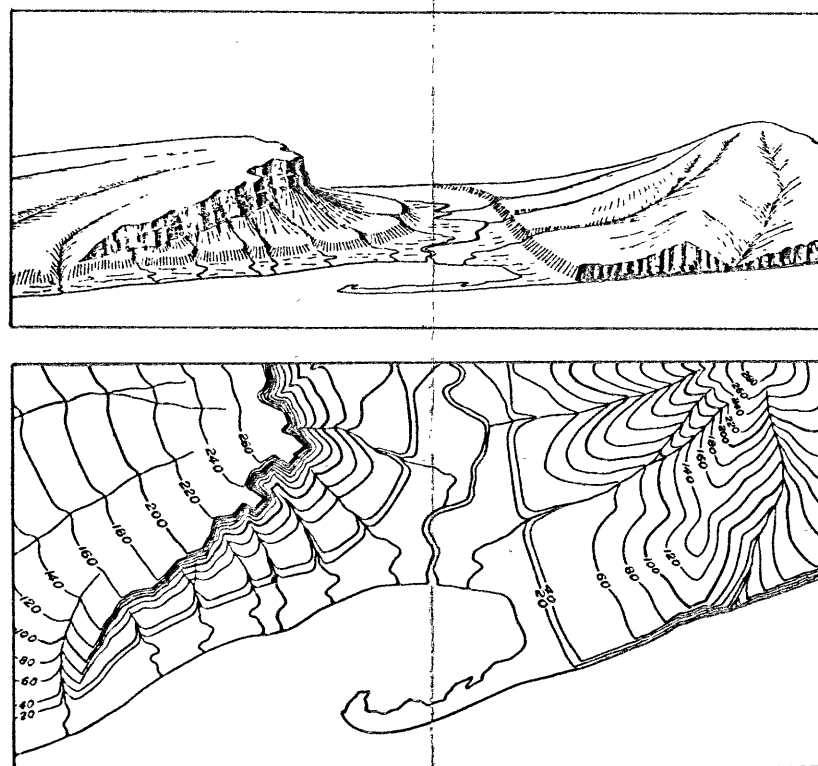
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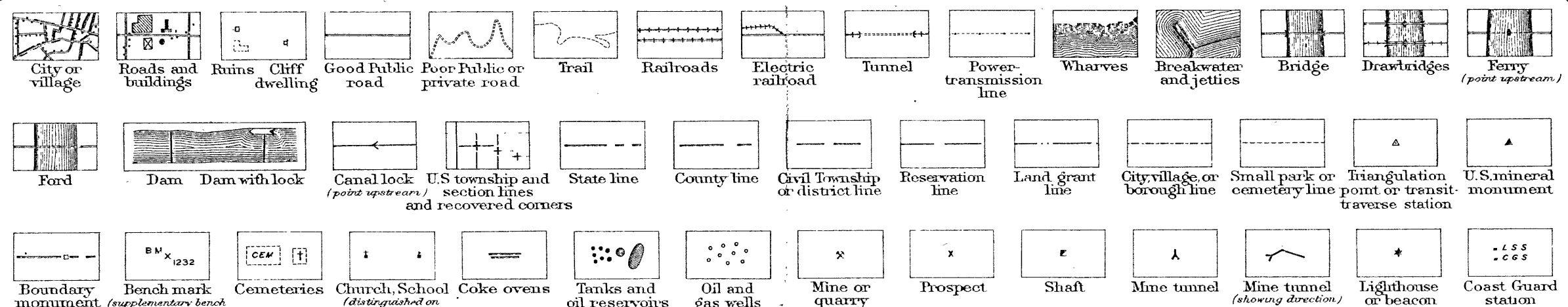
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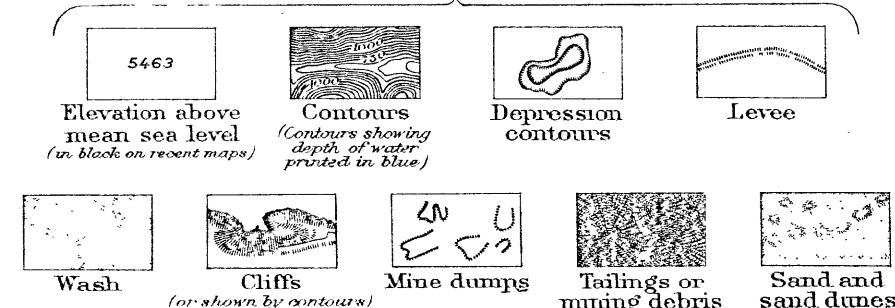
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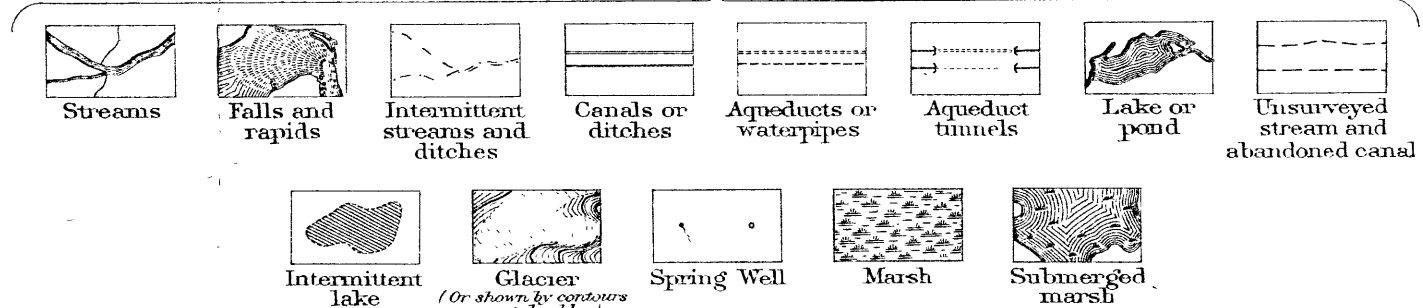
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WOODS (when shown, printed in green)

4882/20mp