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This is the official contract file containing all official records of the project. The records contained in the files are checked and are arranged in this order:

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Interim Royalty Audits
Reports of Royalty Review
Certification of Discovery
Certificate of Audit (Final)
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Report of Review
Termination Notice or Agreement
✓ Recision Notice
Assignment of Contract
Contract Amendments (latest on top)
✓ Contract with all exhibits and annexes
Owner's Consent to Lien
Subordination Agreement
Leases and assignments of leases
✓ Application and attachments
(3) Envelope for maps

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Project summary
Work completed analysis
All other material is filed in chronological order with correspondence including the following reports as checked:

Final Field Team Report (Tab)
Operator's Final Report
(2R) ✓ Interim Reports
(2R) Operator's monthly reports and all attachments (latest on top)
✓ On-site Exam Report(s) (Tab)
(4) Settlement Sheets

When the volume of records is expected to warrant additional folders, or when convenience of reference warrants separate folders for certain records, they should be set up in this order:

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Folder No. 2: (In chron. order)
Interim Summary Reports by W. O. Engineers

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Operator's Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project, Field Team Interim Reports, Operator's Monthly Report with transmittal, narrative, maps, and Field Team review.

Folder No. 3: Maps (Use pocket folder or envelope. Fold maps with title block out and show reference to related document or correspondence.)

Folder No. 4: Settlement Sheets

Folder No. 5: Drill Logs

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Memorandum

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

From: Executive Officer, DMEA, Field Team, Region II

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4371 (Tungsten)
J. S. Wisdom and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E 973
(Your letter, April 11, 1957)

Enclosed are the Government's, Division, and Audit copies of "Rescission of Exploration Project Contract." The remaining copies have been distributed in the usual manner.

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RESCISSION OF EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT

It is agreed this 10th day of April, 1957, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, and J. S. Wisdom and Helen Wisdom of Dyer, Nevada, parties to that certain Exploration Project Contract No. Idm-E973 (Docket No. DMEA-4371), dated July 23, 1956, hereinafter called the "Contract," that the Contract is hereby revoked, cancelled, and rescinded as of July 23, 1956, before any work has been performed or any costs have been incurred thereunder, without any obligation whatever one party to the other, the same as if the Contract had never been entered into.

Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By C. Mittendorf
Administrator, Defense Minerals
Exploration Administration

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
(Short Form)

DMEA No.	*Commodity*	*Contract No. Idm–E*	*County*	*State*
4371	Tungsten	973	Inyo	California

It is agreed JUL 23 1956, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and J. S. Wisdom and Helen Wisdom

whose mailing address is Dyer, Nevada

hereinafter called the "Operator," as follows:

ARTICLE 1. *Authority and project.*—(a) This contract is entered into under the authority of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended. It consists of this form (MF–200A), the attached Annex I (land description), Exhibit A (work and costs), and the maps and documents listed therein. The project work is a search for indicated or undeveloped deposits of the commodity designated above. The Operator shall begin the work on or before September 15-1956, and, subject to the provisions of Article 7 and Exhibit A, shall complete the work within 12 months from the date of the contract.

(b) The description of the work and the fixed cost for each unit of work to be performed (per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of operations, etc.) are hereby agreed upon as specified in Exhibit A. The estimated total cost of the project work is $7,400.00. The Government will contribute 75 percent of the fixed unit cost of the work performed, not exceeding $5,550.00, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 4 and 5.

(c) The Operator shall not transfer or assign this contract or any right or obligation thereunder without the written consent of the Government.

ARTICLE 2. *Operator's property rights.*—(a) The Operator represents and undertakes that Annex I correctly describes the land which is the subject of this contract and the nature of the Operator's rights of property and possession therein (whether as owner, lessee, or otherwise), and that such right, title, or interest is subject only to the following claims, liens, or encumbrances: None

(b) The Subordination Agreement of the holder of any claim, lien, or encumbrance listed above and (if the Operator does not hold the legal title) the Consent to Lien of any holder of the legal title of the land (lessor, seller, optionor, etc.) are attached, as follows:

(c) The Operator shall preserve and maintain his right, title, and interest in the land and his right to the possession thereof for the purposes of this contract, and shall devote the land and all existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances to the purposes of this contract. The Operator shall neither transfer, convey, nor surrender the land nor any right, title, or interest therein, nor permit nor suffer any claim, lien, or encumbrance thereon, without expressly referring to and providing

in the instrument of conveyance, lien, or encumbrance for the preservation of the Government's right to a percentage royalty on production and lien for the payment thereof. Two copies of such instrument shall be furnished to the Government. If the Government's rights to royalty as provided in Article 6 have been terminated, the provisions of this paragraph (c) shall become inapplicable.

ARTICLE 3. *Performance of the work.*—(a) Operator's responsibility.—The work shall be performed diligently, efficiently, expertly, in a workmanlike manner, and in accordance with good mining standards and State regulations governing health, safety, and liability insurance covering employment. The Operator shall provide suitable and adequate equipment, facilities, materials, supplies, and labor to complete the work, as specified in Article 1 (a).

(b) *Government may inspect.*—The Operator shall consult with and inform the Government on all phases of the work as it progresses. The Government may enter at all reasonable times to inspect the work under the contract, and also after certification of discovery or development, to inspect production operations and underground workings. The Operator shall provide the Government with all reasonable means of access for such inspections.

ARTICLE 4. *Contribution by the Government.*—The Government will make its contribution on the basis of the monthly vouchers referred to in Article 5 (b); but all payments by the Government are provisional only, subject to audit, and until the account between the Operator and the Government is finally audited and settled and the Operator's final report has been rendered, the Government may withhold such sums as it sees fit but not in excess of 10 percent of the estimated total cost of the work. To the extent that excesses over fixed unit costs or any excess over the estimated total cost may be necessary for the performance of the work, the Operator shall incur and pay such excesses for his own account without contribution by the Government. The Government will not contribute to the cost of any work performed prior to the date of this contract. The Government may make payments for the account of the Operator directly to independent contractors and suppliers rather than to the Operator.

ARTICLE 5. *Reports, accounts, audits.*—(a) Operator's records.—The Operator shall keep suitable records and accounts of the units of work performed and of any production in which the Government may have an interest; and shall preserve those with respect to work performed for at least three years after final payment by the Government, and those with respect to production for at least three years after any obligation to pay royalties to the Government has terminated. The Government may inspect and audit said records and accounts at any time, either by itself or by a certified public accountant. The Comptroller General of the United States or his representative, until the expiration of said three-year periods, shall have access to and the right to examine all pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the Operator.

(b) *Progress reports and vouchers.*—The Operator shall provide the Government with five copies of monthly progress reports in three sections as follows: (1) Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher showing a detailed statement of units of work performed during the reporting period; (2) Operator's Unit Cost and Progress Report showing the various types of work performed during the reporting period and the fixed unit costs incurred for each type of work; and (3) a Narrative Report of the work performed during the reporting period including adequate engineering-geological maps or sketches, drill hole logs and locations, and assay reports on samples taken concurrently with advance in mineralized ground. (Forms for reporting under (1) and (2) above will be provided by the Government.)

(c) *Final report.*—Upon completion of the work or termination of the Government's obligation to contribute to costs, the Operator shall furnish the Government with five copies of a final report (in addition to the final progress report and voucher). This final report shall include a geological and engineering evaluation of the results of the work performed under the contract with an estimate of the ore reserves resulting from such work, complete assay data, adequate geological and engineering maps or sketches, and a summary of the work performed and the unit costs thereof.

(d) *Report of sales.*—The Operator shall provide the Government with suitable accounting and documentary evidence covering all production to which the Government's percentage royalty relates, such as copies of smelter or concentrator settlement sheets, and certified accounts of production and sale or other disposition of production.

(e) *Compliance with requirements.*—If in the opinion of the Government any of the Operator's reports, records, or accounts are insufficient or incomplete, or if the Operator fails to make them, the Government may procure the making or completion of such with suitable attachments as an expense of the work to which the Operator shall contribute. The Government may withhold approval and payment of any vouchers relating to insufficient or incomplete reports, records, or accounts.

ARTICLE 6. *Repayment by Operator.*—(a) *Certification.*—If the Government considers that a discovery or development from which production may be made has resulted from the work, the Government, at any time not later than six months after the Operator has rendered a sufficient final report (see Article 5), may so certify in writing to the Operator. Such certification shall describe broadly or indicate the nature of the discovery or development.

(b) *Royalty on production.*—The Operator, as principal if the Operator is the producer or as surety if the Operator is not the producer (for example, if the Operator either transfers or fails to retain his interest in the land), shall pay to the Government a royalty on all minerals mined or produced from the land, as follows: (1) regardless of any certification of discovery or development, from the date of the contract until the lapse of the time within which the Government may make such certification or until the total net amount contributed by the Government without interest is fully repaid, whichever occurs first; or (2) if the Government makes a certification of discovery or development, for a period of ten years from the date of the contract or until the total net amount contributed by the Government without interest is fully repaid, whichever occurs first.

(c) *Basis for computation.*—The Government's royalty shall be a percentage of the gross proceeds (including any bonuses, premiums, allowances, or other benefits) from the production sold, in the form sold (ore, concentrates, metal, or equivalent), at the point of delivery (the f. o. b. point); *except,* that charges of *the buyer* arising in the regular course of business, and shown as deductions on the buyer's settlement sheets, on account of the cost of treatment processes performed by *the buyer,* sampling and assaying to determine the value of the production sold, and freight paid by *the buyer* to a carrier (not the Operator), shall be allowed as deductions in arriving at the "gross proceeds" as that term is used herein. Any costs of treatment processes, sampling, assaying, or transportation performed or paid by the Operator or by anyone other than the buyer are not deductible in arriving at the "gross proceeds" as that term is here used. The term "treatment processes," as here used, means those processes (such as milling, concentrating, smelting, refining, or equivalent, but excluding fabricating or manufacturing) applied to the crude ore or other production after it is extracted from the ground to put it into a commercially marketable form.

(d) *Unsold production.*—If any production (ore, concentrates, metal, or equivalent) after the lapse of six months from the date the ore was extracted from the ground remains neither sold nor used by the Operator in integrated manufacturing or fabricating operations (for instance, if it is stockpiled), the Government, at its option, as long as it so remains, may require the computation and payment of its royalty on the value of such production in the form (ore, concentrates, metal, or equivalent) it is in when the Government elects to require computation and payment. If any production is used by the Operator in integrated manufacturing or fabricating operations before the Government makes its election, the Government's royalty on such production shall be computed on the value thereof in the form in which and at the time it is so used. "Value" as here used means what is or would be gross income from mining operations for percentage depletion purposes in Federal income tax determination, or the market value, whichever is greater.

(e) *Percentages of royalty.*—The percentages of the Government's royalty shall be as follows:

One and one-half (1½) percent of amounts ("gross proceeds" or "value") not in excess of eight dollars ($8.00) per ton of production in the form in which sold, held, or used, plus one-half (½) percent for each additional full fifty cents ($0.50) by which such amounts exceed eight dollars ($8.00) per ton, but not in excess of five (5) percent of such amounts.

(For instance: the royalty on an amount of five dollars ($5.00) per ton would be one and one-half (1½) percent; on an amount of ten dollars ($10.00) per ton, three and one-half (3½) percent.)

(f) *Time for computation and payment.*—The Government's royalty shall be computed and paid currently upon each lot sold, held, or used in integrated operations, as the case may be, as above provided in this Article.

(g) *Lien for payment.*—To secure the payment of its percentage royalty, there is hereby granted to the Government a lien upon the land or the Operator's interest in the land and upon any production of minerals therefrom until the royalty claim is extinguished by lapse of time or is fully paid.

(h) *Notice to purchasers.*—The Operator shall give notice of the Government's claim for royalty to any purchaser of the production, and shall authorize and direct such purchaser to pay the royalty directly to the Government and to furnish the Government with copies of the settlement sheets. If the records of any production and sales or other disposition of production, whether the production is by the Operator or by others, are not made available to the Government, the amount of the royalty may be estimated by the Administrator, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, or his successor, and his estimate thereof shall be final and binding upon the Operator.

(i) *No obligation to produce.*—Nothing in this contract is to be construed as imposing any obligation on the Operator or the Operator's successor in interest to engage in any production operations.

(j) *Government not obligated to buy.*—Nothing in this contract shall be construed as imposing any obligation on the Government to purchase any minerals mined or produced from the land.

ARTICLE 7. *Termination of the Government's obligations.*—(a) If in the opinion of the Government operations at any time have failed to achieve anticipated results that indicate the probability of making a worthwhile discovery and in the opinion of the Government further operations are not justified, the Government may give the Operator written notice thereof, and thereupon the Government shall be free of all obligation to pay on account of units of work not then performed, and the Operator shall be free of all further obligation to prosecute the work other than such as may be necessary and incidental to winding up, reporting, and accounting.

(b) If in the opinion of the Government the Operator is in any manner in default under the terms of the contract, the Government may give the Operator written notice of such default with a specification of reasonable time within which the default must be cured; and if the Operator fails to cure such default as required, thereupon the Government shall be relieved of all obligation to pay on account of units of work not performed when the notice was given, and the Operator shall be free of all obligation to prosecute the work other than such as may be necessary and incidental to winding up, reporting, and accounting. The Government may also avail itself of any other remedy the law may provide for breach of contract, including the right to rescind the contract and to demand repayment of all moneys contributed by the Government under the contract.

(c) The giving of any notice by the Government under the provisions of this Article 7 shall not affect the Government's rights as provided for in the contract with respect to a percentage royalty, and liens to secure the payment thereof, and such rights shall be fully preserved.

ARTICLE 8. *Notices to be given by the Government* may be delivered to the Operator or may be sent by registered mail addressed to the Operator at the mailing address stated in this contract. If mailed, notices are deemed to have been delivered five days after the date of mailing.

ARTICLE 9. *Officials not to benefit.*—No member of or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

ARTICLE 10. *Changes and added provisions.*—

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

J. S. Wisdom

J. S. Wisdom

By Frank E. Johnson

ACTING Administrator, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

By Helen Wisdom

Helen Wisdom

I, ..., certify that I am the ..... secretary of the corporation named as Operator herein; that ....., who signed this contract on behalf of the Operator, was then ..... of said corporation; that said contract was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

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ANNEX I

The land referred to in Article 2 of the Contract is owned by J. S. Wisdom and Helen Wisdom and consists of 3 unpatented lode mining claims (Figure 3), located in unsurveyed section 25 (projected), T. 6 S., R. 38 E., M. D. B. and M., Inyo County, California. The location notices of the claims are recorded in official records in the Hall of Records of Inyo County, California, at Independence, California, as follows:

Claim Name	Book No.	Page No.
Bright Star No. 1	-	495
Bright Star No. 2	-	497
Bright Star No. 3	-	499

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EXHIBIT "A"

Description of the Work

The maps attached to and made part of the Contract are as follows:

Figure 1 - Location Map, California

Figure 2 - Bright Star Tungsten Mine, Inyo County, California

Figure 3 - Claim Map, Bright Star Group of Claims, Inyo County, California

The proposed work shall consist of drilling 6 diamond drill holes and assaying not more than 50 samples for tungsten trioxide (WO_3). The direction of each hole shall be approximately S. 82° E. Each hole shall be approximately 200 feet long. Two holes shall be drilled from each of three sites spaced about 50 feet apart along the hill approximately 150 feet west of the outcrop of the tactite body (Figure 2). One hole of each pair shall be drilled horizontally and the other hole of each pair shall be drilled at an approximate inclination of minus 30 degrees. The aggregate length of all holes shall not exceed 1200 feet.

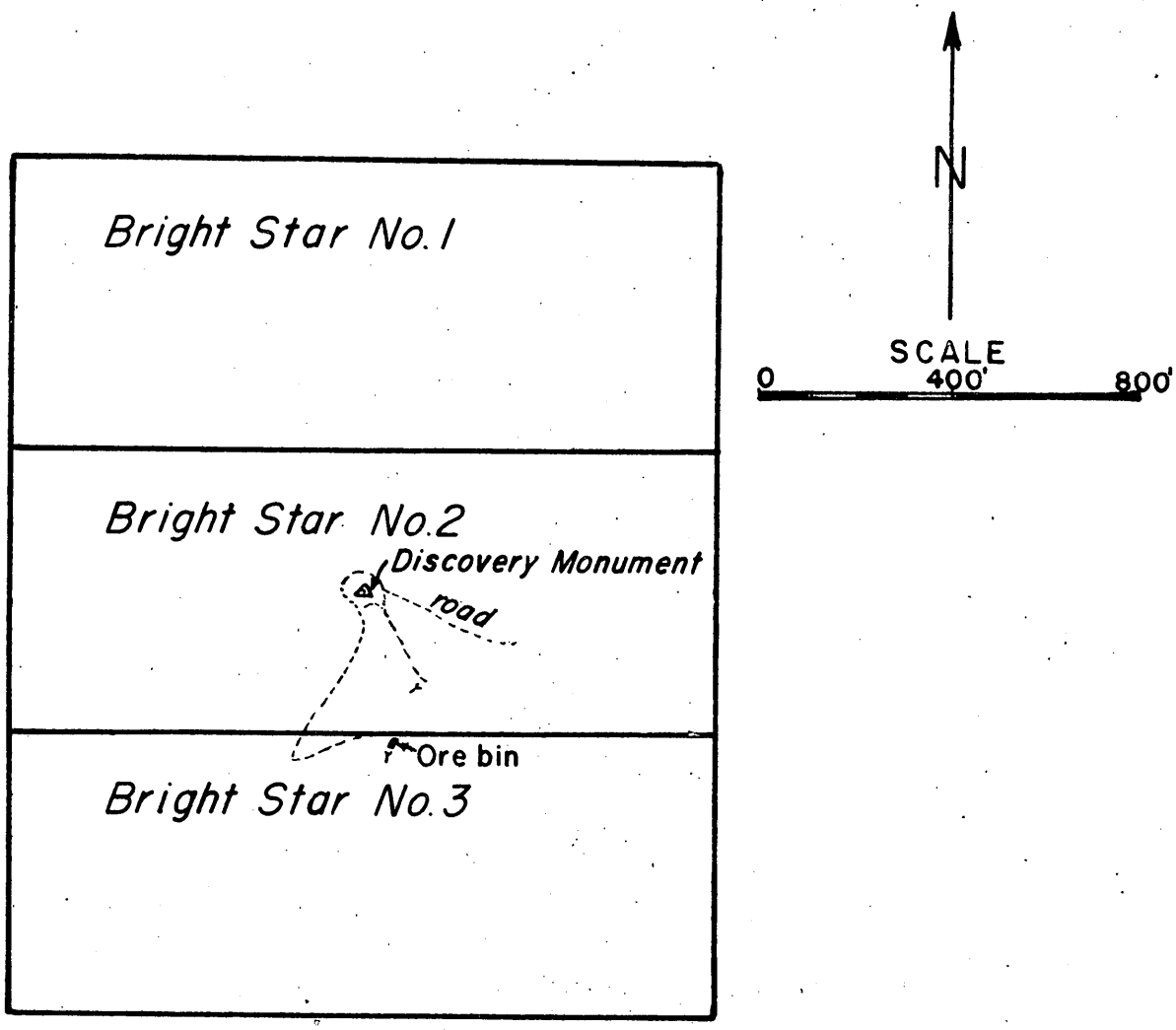
Diamond drill holes shall not be less than AX in size and shall be reamed and cased, or cemented and re-drilled as necessary. Diamond drill cores shall be split and one portion furnished to the Government. All cores shall be sampled in mineralized zones.

Estimated Costs of the Project

Fixed Unit Costs

Diamond drill 1200 feet @ $6.00/ft. 1/	$7,200.00	
Assay 50 samples for WO_3 @ $4.00/sample	200.00	
Estimated Total Cost of Project		$7,400.00
Government Participation @ 75%		$5,550.00

1/ The unit cost includes any necessary cementing, reaming, and casing.



CLAIM MAP
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
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Figure 3

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Commodity Tungsten

Contract No. Idm-E

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT[1]
(Short Form)

It is agreed this ..... day of ....., 195...., between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and [2] J. S. and Helen Wisdom, whose mailing address is Dyer, Nevada, hereinafter called the "Operator," as follows:

ARTICLE 1. *This contract* is entered into under the authority of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended. It consists of this form (MF-200A), the attached Exhibit "A," Annex I, and 2 Maps.

The Operator shall not transfer or assign this contract or any right thereunder without the written consent of the Government.

ARTICLE 2. *Operator's property rights.*—(a) The land which is the subject of this contract (hereinafter called "the land") is in the State of California, County of Inyo, and is described in Annex I.[3]

(b) The Operator represents and undertakes that:

(1) The Operator is the [4] Owner of [5] entire interest in the land, in possession and entitled to possession for all of the purposes of this contract, under and by virtue of a [6] See Annex I, [7] recorded in Book See Annex I, page ....., official records of said County; and

(2) The Operator's right, title, or interest (whether as owner, lessee, or otherwise) is subject only to the following claims, liens, or encumbrances: None

(c) The Subordination Agreement of the holder of any claim, lien, or encumbrance listed above, and (if the Operator does not hold the legal title) the Consent to Lien of any holder of the legal title of the land (lessor, seller, optionor, etc.), are attached, as follows: .....

[1] If sufficient space is not provided in any blank, use an extra sheet of paper and refer to it in the blank.
[2] Insert name, and if an organization, its nature (corporation and place of incorporation, partnership with names of partners, etc.).
[3] State on a separate sheet marked "Annex I" the legal description or enough to identify the property, particularly excluding any areas from which the production is not to be subject to the Government's percentage royalty.
[4] Insert "owner," "lessee," "contract purchaser," "locator," etc.
[5] Insert "the entire interest," "the mineral rights," "an undivided one-third," etc.
[6] Insert "deed," "lease," "contract," "location notice," "patent," etc.
[7] If not recorded, so indicate by inserting "un."

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(d) The Operator shall preserve and maintain his right, title, and interest in the land and his right to the possession thereof for the purposes of this contract, and shall devote the land and all existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances to the purposes of this contract. Until the lapse of the time within which the Government may make a certification of discovery or development without any such certification having been made, and after any such certification has been made, the Operator shall neither transfer, convey, nor surrender the land nor any right, title, or interest therein, nor permit nor suffer any claim, lien, or encumbrance thereon, without expressly referring to and providing in the instrument of conveyance, lien, or encumbrance for the preservation of the Government's right to a percentage royalty on production and lien for the payment thereof. If the Government makes no certification of discovery or development within the time limited in Article 7, it shall thereafter have no claim against the land or any production therefrom except for any production referred to in Article 7(b)(1).

ARTICLE 3. *The exploration project.*—The project is a search for indicated or undeveloped deposits of Tungsten The work to be performed is described in Exhibit "A." The Operator on or before ..... shall commence the work, and on or before June 30, 1957 (unless the Operator's obligation to complete the work is terminated—see Article 8) shall complete the work.

ARTICLE 4. *Performance of the work.*—(a) *Operator's responsibility.*—The work shall be performed with reasonable diligence, efficiently, expertly, in a workmanlike manner, in accordance with good mining standards and State regulations for health and safety and for liability insurance covering employment; and with suitable and adequate equipment, facilities, materials, supplies, and labor, to bring it to completion within the time fixed.

(b) *Government may inspect.*—The Operator shall consult with and inform the Government on all phases of the work as it progresses. The Government may enter at all reasonable times to inspect the work under the contract, and also after a certification of discovery or development to inspect production operations and underground workings. The operator shall provide the Government with all reasonable means of access for such inspections.

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ARTICLE 7. *Repayment by Operator.*—(a) *Certification.*—If the Government considers that a discovery or development from which production may be made has resulted from the work, the Government, at any time not later than six months after a sufficient final report and final account (see Article 6) has been rendered, may so certify in writing to the Operator. Such certification shall describe broadly or indicate the nature of the discovery or development.

(b) *Royalty on production.*—The Operator, as principal if the Operator is the producer, or as surety if the Operator is not the producer, shall pay to the Government a royalty on all minerals mined or produced from the land, as follows: (1) regardless of any certification of discovery or development, from the date of the contract until the lapse of the time within which the Government may make such certification, or until the total net amount contributed by the Government without interest is fully repaid, whichever occurs first; or (2) if the Government makes a certification of discovery or development, within a period of ten years from the date of the contract, or until the total net amount contributed by the Government without interest is fully repaid, whichever occurs first.

(c) *Basis for computation.*—The Government's royalty shall be a percentage of the gross proceeds (including any bonuses, premiums, allowances, or other benefits) from the production sold, in the form sold (ore, concentrates, metal, or equivalent), at the point of delivery (the f. o. b. point); *except,* that charges of *the buyer* arising in the regular course of business, and shown as deductions on the buyer's settlement sheets, on account of the cost of treatment processes performed by *the buyer,* sampling and assaying to determine the value of the production sold, and freight paid by *the buyer* to a carrier (not the Operator), shall be allowed as deductions in arriving at the "gross proceeds" as that term is used herein. Any costs of treatment processes, sampling or assaying, or transportation, performed or paid by the Operator or by anyone other than the buyer, are not deductible in arriving at the "gross proceeds" as that term is here used. The term "treatment processes," as here used, means those processes (such as milling, concentrating, smelting, refining, or equivalent) applied to the crude ore or other production after it is extracted from the ground, to put it into a commercially marketable form; excluding fabricating or manufacturing.

(d) *Unsold production.*—If any production (ore, concentrates, metal, or equivalent), after the lapse of six months from the date the ore was extracted from the ground, remains neither sold nor used by the Operator in integrated manufacturing or fabricating operations (for instance, if it is stockpiled), the Government, at its option, as long as it so remains, may require the computation and payment of its royalty on the value of such production in the form (ore, concentrates, metal, or equivalent) it is in when the Government elects to require computation and payment. If any production is used by the Operator in integrated manufacturing or fabricating operations before the Government makes its election, the Government's royalty on such production shall be computed on the value thereof in the form in which and at the time when it is so used. "Value" as here used means what is or would be gross income from mining operations for percentage depletion purposes in Federal income tax determination, or the market value, whichever is greater.

(e) *Percentages of royalty.*—The percentages of the Government's royalty shall be as follows:

One and one-half (1½) percent of amounts ("gross proceeds" or "value") not in excess of eight dollars ($8.00) per ton of production in the form in which sold, held, or used, plus one-half (½) percent for each additional full fifty cents ($0.50) by which such amounts exceed eight dollars ($8.00) per ton, but not in excess of five (5) percent of such amounts.

(For instance: the royalty on an amount of five dollars ($5.00) per ton would be one and one-half (1½) percent; on an amount of ten dollars ($10.00) per ton, three and one-half (3½) percent.)

(f) *Time for computation and payment.*—The Government's royalty shall be computed and paid currently upon each lot sold, held, or used in integrated operations, as the case may be, as above provided in this article.

(g) *Lien for payment.*—To secure the payment of its percentage royalty, there is hereby granted to the Government a lien upon the land or the Operator's interest in the land and upon any production of minerals therefrom, until the royalty claim is extinguished by lapse of time or is fully paid.

(h) *Notice to purchasers.*—The Operator shall give notice of the Government's claim for royalty to any purchaser of the production, and shall authorize and direct such purchaser to pay the royalty directly to the Government and to furnish the Government with copies of the settlement sheets. If the records of any production and sales or other disposition of production, whether the production is by the Operator or by others, are not made available to the Government, the amount of the royalty may be estimated by the Administrator, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, or his successor, and his estimate thereof shall be final and binding upon the Operator.

(i) *No obligation to produce.*—Nothing in this contract is to be construed as imposing any obligation on the Operator or the Operator's successor in interest to engage in any production operations.

(j) *Government not obligated to buy.*—Nothing in this contract shall be construed as imposing any obligation on the Government to purchase any minerals mined or produced from the land.

ARTICLE 8. *Termination of the Government's obligations.*—(a) If in the opinion of the Government operations at any time have failed to achieve anticipated results that indicate the probability of making a worthwhile discovery, and in the opinion of the Government further operations are not justified, the Government may give the Operator written notice thereof, and thereupon the Government shall be free of all obligation to pay on account of units of work not then performed, and the Operator shall be free of all further obligation to prosecute the work other than such as may be necessary and incidental to winding up, reporting, and accounting.

(b) If in the opinion of the Government the Operator is in any manner in default under the terms of the contract, the Government may give the Operator written notice of such default with a specification of reasonable time within which the default must be cured; and if the Operator fails to cure such default as required, thereupon the Government shall be relieved of all obligation to pay on account of units of work not performed when the notice was given, and the Operator shall be free of all obligation to prosecute the work other than such as may be necessary and incidental to winding up, reporting, and accounting. The remedy provided for the Government in this paragraph "(b)" is in addition to any other remedy provided in this contract, and in addition to any other remedy the law may provide for breach of contract.

(c) The giving of any notice by the Government under the provisions of this Article 8 shall not affect the Government's rights as provided for in the contract with respect to a percentage royalty, and such rights shall be fully preserved.

ARTICLE 9. *Notices to be given by the Government* may be delivered to the Operator, or may be sent by registered mail addressed to the Operator at his mailing address stated in this contract. If mailed, notices are deemed to have been delivered five days after the date of mailing.

ARTICLE 10. *Officials not to benefit.*—No member of or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

ARTICLE 11. *Changes and added provisions.*—

Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

J. S. and Helen Wisdom
(Operator)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By .....

By .....
J. S. Wisdom

.....
Helen Wisdom

I, ..., certify that I am the ..... secretary of the corporation named as Operator herein; that ..... who signed this contract on behalf of the Operator, was then ..... of said corporation; that said contract was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

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1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

December 5, 1955

Memorandum

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

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Loan Application - Tungsten
Wisdom & Mani Enterprises
Bright Star Claims
Inyo County, California

Attached are three sets of MF-103, Application for Aid forms relative to above subject. The fourth set has been retained in our files.

S. Ricker

Attach.

Item from 4088

BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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(Revised April 1952)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

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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. DMEA- 4088
Metal or Mineral Tungsten
Date Received 12/7/55
Estimated Cost $15,090.00
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: Helen Wisdom & Jack Inami Enterprises
Inyo, Nevada — Business Reg. & Bond
filed at Independence Cal. Inyo Co.

(*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.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

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

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 Owners — of unpatented claims 1-2-3 on Bright Star's —

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

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

(*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.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it None

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

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations 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.

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

(*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.

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

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

5. *The exploration project.*—(a) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore W.O.3

(*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.

(*c*) The work will start within 30 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.

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.).

(*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.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*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.

(*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.

(*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.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*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.

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)?

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

☒ Money ☒ Use of equipment owned by you ☐ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

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 Dec. 1, 1955, 195

Jack Mani
(Applicant)

By Helen Wisdom

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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"Supplement" Page 1

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Re - 3 (J)

Description - Certification of Claims Hall of Records - Independence, Calif. Inyo County.

1. Bright Star # 1 as recorded in Book page 495
2. Bright Star # 2 as recorded in Book page 497
3. Bright Star # 3 as recorded in Book page 499

Re - 4 -

There is a good road we built to mine prospect, we drove the road to top of mountain to strike the granite contact. We ledge out exposing a vein on contact 3 ft. wide, aver. 2.7 WO_3. We also have approx. 1.7 WO_3 in lateral moraine containing several thousand tons in altered tactites.

We also have a D-7 Cat. loader, a 4X4 truck, 2 - '55 pick-ups, a 105 Yeager Compressor, drilling equipment, misc. tools, powder, etc. We contracted another cat to strip and top slice. Your geologists may drive to mine to inspect and sample. We owe no ~~paid~~ money, paid cash for all work done. Also have no liabilities or debts.

4 B

This ore was originally dug for gold. Approx. 50 ton of 2.7 WO_3 has been mined and milled. There is appreciable ore showing - however we prefer to leave to your Geologist to make report. There are a dozen test holes on 4 sides of the mountain to prove physical characteristics,

geologically. The ore is similar on contact primary ~~c~~ tactites, below secondary altered tactites. Assays run by Ed Eisenhauer, 320 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles, Calif.

4C Geologically this veins appears to be 20 ft. wide on granite contact, while in moraines below, the ore is trapped by granite intrusive. On the contact the ore stands vertically, striking N.W. to S.E. We wish to explore as we have pay dirt to go on. We can selectively mine 2.7 WO_3 but can ledge cut to load approx. 1.7 or better, in which case we expect to install a gravity mill (30 tons) to table, as the ore is clean with little powellite. We can magnetically separate cheaply at Round Valley Mill, Bishop, Calif., then to Salt Lake to stockpile.

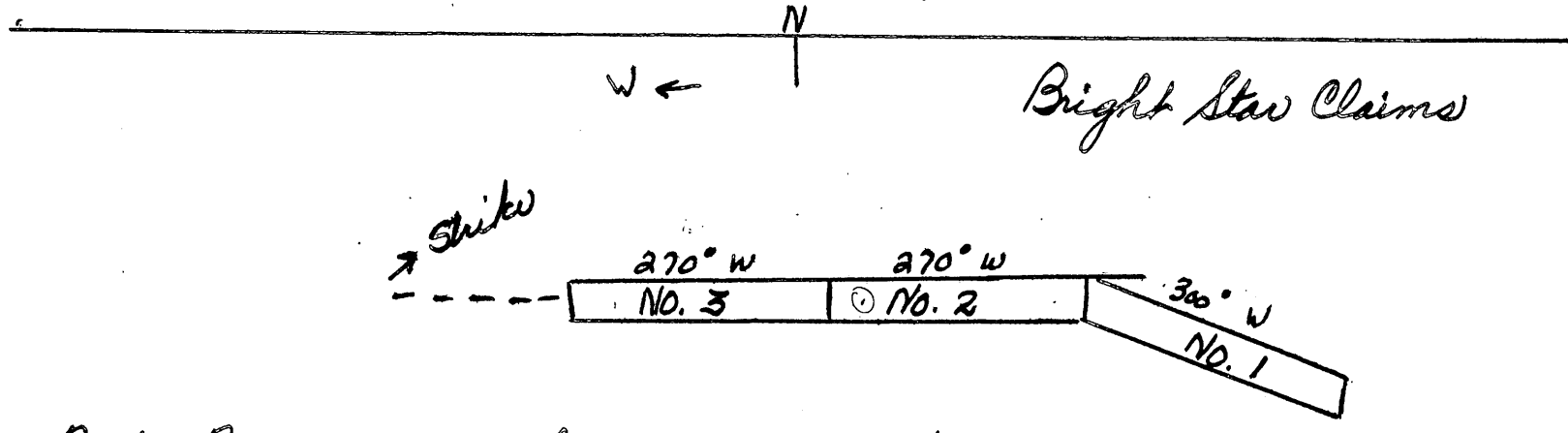
4D. There are good roads to mine, 1.8 miles to Clair Mill. We live 11 miles from mine and will transport Cons after mag. separating garnet from 40.7 gross. We will take to stock-pile approx. 60.7 WO_3 after cleanup.

E. We operate our own mine open pit, so far with loader. We expect to employ 2 men who have worked for us before. There is a mill at hand to grind ore at $10.00 a ton. We have part of our own mill and plenty water.

We need money for tunneling and ledge cutting, at which time if one warrants we expect to install our own mill— this is, however, if we develop ore to justify the same. We have a 1000 watt generator and interested in 25 K.V.A. for mill power.

5D.

The mining will be supervised by J.S. Wisdom of Dyer, Nevada. Mr. Wisdom has 10 years experience in local mining, also Honduras, C.A. He contracted for Huntley Minerals the White Eagle Mines, He has worked as engineer for Floyd R. Bekins and Geo. Duetzler in Mexico. Mr. Wisdom produced last summer from Green Top WO_3 mine and shipped to Round Valley Mill, Bishop, Calif.



Note- No. I Claim shows altered tactites and road approaches No. 2 and No. 3 follows course of ore. Vein is vertical and we will stake 6 additional claims parallel strike to cover apex on contact plus alluvial altered tactites in lower lateral moraines.

Estimate of Costs

Drive 200 ft. of drift on strike	5000.00
Cross cut on all shoots + leads	?
Erect cabin for 2 workmen	250.00
Car and track	150.00
Bunker 50 ton capacity	500.00
Explosives and transportation	500.00
Engineer, books, assays, reports	250.00
Labor for J. S. Wisdom 1 year	3000.00
Labor for Jack Marie 1 year	2500.00
Use of Cat. D7 - 1 yr.	1900.00
Rental of 105 compressor 90 days	540.00
Use of 4x4 truck 1 yr.	500.00
Misc. mining tools we own	
	$15,090.00

As stated we will do work under supervision of J. S. Wisdom of Dyer, Nev. This above figure we will stick to - the job will be completed within one year. We believe your geologist will see adequate ore to prospect on.

We have plenty of water to support a 20 ton mill and millsite at Pigeon Springs 11 miles from mine. However for first 100 tons we expect to let Don Clair Mill our ore. After further development if ore justifies we will amend application and on your approval will construct 20 ton Wheeler mill, with superimposed primary 11 x 16 jaw crusher

to $\frac{1}{4}$ mesh into hopper through 18" rolls. This 12 mesh ore will go through circuit to Ball Mill, grind to 60 mesh, on to Economy Primary table. The meds will go to slime table, tails will be pumped to cyanide barrell if same justifies.

Primarily we want to develop the mines with your help. We have $4,300 in bank and with our equipment we can and will do agreed job. We have spent over $3000 so far and your engineer will agree all money was spent well and job so far is well engineered in all respects.

Mr. Kroehler of Vanadium mill and mine states we have the earmarks of an important mine, that's why we are working now.

Sincerely,

Jack Mani

Helen Wisdom

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April 17, 1957

Mr. J. S. Wisdom
Dyer
Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4371 (Tungsten)
J. S. Wisdom and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E 973

Dear Mr. Wisdom:

In accordance with your recent request, I am enclosing the original and five copies of a "Rescession of Exploration Project Contract" for the above referenced contract signed by the Administrator for the Government.

If the terms and conditions of the proposed rescission are satisfactory, all six copies should be signed by you and Mrs. Wisdom. The copy marked "Operator's copy" should be retained by you and the original and other four copies should be returned to this office.

If any part of the rescission does not meet with your approval, the original and all copies should be returned with your suggested changes.

The rescession is made without any prejudice whatever to your property and we wish to thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

S. Ricker
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

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Mr. Spangler Ricker, Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
1605 Evans Avenue
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Re: Docket No. DMEA 4371 - Tungsten
J. S. Wisdom and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E973

Dear Mr. Ricker:

Enclosed are the original and five copies of a "Rescission of Exploration Project Contract" for the above referenced contract signed by the Administrator for the Government.

If the conditions and terms of this proposed rescission are satisfactory to you and the Operator, all six copies should be signed by the Operator and the usual distribution made.

If any of the conditions and terms of the proposed rescission do not have your approval or that of the Operator and cannot be altered within your delegated authority, the original and all copies are to be returned to this office, together with the proposed changes for consideration.

Under separate cover we are sending you the sample which Mr. Wisdom asked us to return.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

APPROVED:

Frank D. Lamb

Member, Bureau of Mines

N. E. Nelson

Member, Geological Survey

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Messrs. R. Holliday, USBM
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Enclosure

P.S. Two extra copies of the proposed rescission are enclosed for the Field Team's use.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Associate Solicitor, Division of Mineral Resources

From: Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division, DMEA

Subject: Docket No. DMEA 4371 - Tungsten
J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E973

Attached is a rough draft of a proposed recission agreement for your use in preparing the final form. The agreement in Docket No. DMEA 3037, Big Q Tungsten Mine, Inc., was used as a model.

W. S. Martin

W. S. Martin, Chief
Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division

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RECISSION OF EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT

It is agreed this _____ day of _____, 1957, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, and J. S. and Helen Wisdom, parties to that certain Exploration Project Contract No. Idm-E973 (Docket No. DMEA 4371), dated July 23, 1956, hereinafter called the "Contract", that the contract is hereby revoked, cancelled, and rescinded as of July 23, 1956, before any work has been performed or any costs have been incurred thereunder, without any obligation whatever one party to the other, the same as if the Contract had never been entered into.

Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By_____
Administrator, Defense Minerals
Exploration Administration

J. S. AND HELEN WISDOM

By_____

DMEA

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

March 12, 1957

Memorandum

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

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4371 (Tungsten
J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E 973

Reference is made to your letter of February 20, 1957 relative to possible termination of subject contract. Mr. Wisdom, in the meantime, has called at the office and, as a result, has asked for a mutual termination agreement.

Enclosed are two copies of his formal request and both Roscoe Smith and myself strongly recommend that a mutual termination agreement be drafted.

S. Ricker

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Metallic & Non-Metallic

MAR. 6, 1957.
Goldpoint, Nevada.

D.M.E.A. RENO.

Dear Sir;

Please cancel my D.M.E.A. loan for drilling Bright Star tungsten Mine as per your records.

I will not continue until the attitude of the Govt. is more favorable in long range domestic mining program, shouls the present attitude change, then we will be happy to continue to drill & produce a first class consentrate.

I wish to extend my thanks for your help and consideration in this matter.

Thanks J. S. Wisdom
J.S. WISDOM-DYER NEVADA.

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Mr. Spangler Ricker, Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4371 - Tungsten
J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E973

220 225 Selfridge 130

Dear Mr. Ricker:

Reference is made to Interim Report of November 30, 1956, concerning the above noted project. We note Mr. B. H. Sheahan's comment that unless the drilling is done by a competent driller the contract should be cancelled. Unless a competent driller can be found to do the work we agree that the contract may have to be terminated. Please keep us advised of the status of the project so that we will be in a position to prepare the necessary forms.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Office of
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team
Region II

1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Date 2/20/57

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA, Interior Bldg., Wash., D.C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Interim Inspection Report

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Attached are four copies of Interim Report on

Docket No. DMEA-4371

Contract No. Idm-E973

Commodity Tungsten

Operator J. S. and Helen Wisdom

Property Bright Star Group of Claims, Inyo County, Calif.

By B. H. Sheahan

Dated 2/20/57

S. Ricker
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

Attachments

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Finance Officer, Region II (w/copy of report)
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INTERIM REPORT

Docket No.: DMEA-4371 (Tungsten) February 20, 1957
J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E973

The property was idle when inspected by an engineer of the Bureau of Mines on February 15, 1957. Operations were discussed with Mrs. Helen Wisdom at Lida, Nevada.

The only work done at the property since the previous inspection of November 28, 1956 consisted of 5 feet of drifting by a lessee and the extension of a narrow trail 50 feet toward proposed drill stations.

Mrs. Helen Wisdom stated that they were discouraged with present tungsten market conditions, and that work on the drift was stopped early in December 1956. Mrs. Wisdom said that she would have her husband submit a letter to DMEA, Region II, regarding plans for their exploration contract.

B. H. Sheahan
B. H. Sheahan
Mining Engineer

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ACTION ON INTERIM 1371
OR FINAL FIELD TEAM REPORT

Date 12-10

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1. ~~Mr. Mittendorf~~
2. ~~Mr. Johnson~~
3. ~~Mr. Chambers~~
4. ~~Docket Control Mails and Files~~
5. ~~Chief, Tariff Division~~
6. Docket Control Mails and Files

Note comments in report regarding:

1. Needs watching
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and take appropriate action.

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Action taken by Division:

Division is watching for F.T. recommendation
WSD
12/11/56

Robert E. Adams

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1605 Evans Avenue
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Date 12/5/56

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Subject: Interim Inspection Report

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Docket No. DMEA-4371

Contract No. Idm-E973

Commodity Tungsten

Operator J. S. and Helen Wisdom

Property Bright Star Group of claims
Inyo County, Calif.

By B. H. Sheahan

Dated 11/30/56

S. Ficker
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

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INTERIM REPORT

Docket No.: DMEA-4371 (Tungsten) November 30, 1956
J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E973

The property was inspected November 28, 1956 and operations were discussed with Mrs. Helen Wisdom at Lida, Nev. The Operator's negotiations with independent diamond drilling contractors were unsuccessful because the drillers did not feel assured that they would be paid for work completed.

Mr. J. S. Wisdom requested by letter dated November 15 that the starting date of the contract be extended two months or from September 15 to November 15, 1956. He tried to do the drilling himself and late in September started two holes at the north drill site; however, the tools used were not adequate for the work. Only 12 feet of drilling was reported completed, and this was not done in a satisfactory manner. Practically no core was recovered.

Mr. Wisdom was in Bishop, California on the date of the inspection. Three workmen were at the Bright Star No. 3 claim, and they stated that they planned to acquire a lease and commence drifting operations.

Equipment on the property include the following:

Item	Condition
1 D-4 dozer	Fair
1 Air compressor, 105 c.f.m.	Good
1 Jackhammer and steel	Good
1 Truck, 3/4 ton	Good
2 Drill rods, 2" x 8'	Poor
1 Gasoline engine, 3-h.p.	Fair
Miscellaneous hand tools	Fair

Comments:

Unless the exploratory diamond drilling is done by a competent driller and with adequate equipment, the contract should be cancelled.

B. H. Sheahan
Mining Engineer

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Office of
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team
Region II

1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Date 9/11/56

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA, Interior Bldg., Wash., D.C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Interim Inspection Report

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Docket No. DMEA-4371

Contract No. Idm-E973

Commodity Tungsten

Operator J. S. and Helen Wisdom

Property Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, Calif.

By B. H. Sheahan

Dated 9/11/56

S. Ricker
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

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Docket No. DMEA-4371 (Tungsten) 9/11/56

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J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No.: Idm-E973

The property was inspected by an engineer of the Bureau of Mines on September 6, 1956. Diamond drilling authorized by the contract was discussed with J. S. Wisdom. Diamond drill sites were staked at locations indicated on geologic map, fig. 2, of Exhibit "A".

The operator is now negotiating with diamond drilling contractors in Bishop, Calif., and he plans to conduct the work by independent contract. The starting date of the work is September 15, 1956 and no work has been completed.

B. H. Sheahan

B. H. Sheahan
Mining Engineer

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1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

August 3, 1956

Memorandum

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

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4371 (Tungsten)
J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California
Contract No. Idm-E973

Reference is made to your letter of July 23, 1956 transmitting to this office the original and five copies of the subject contract.

The contract has been executed on the part of the Operator and one copy retained by him for his files. Distribution has been made of Finance Office and Field Team copies; the original and two remaining copies are returned to you herewith.

S. Ricker

Attach.

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

1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

July 26, 1956

Copy retained 400

Mr. J. S. Wisdom
Dyer, Nevada

WSM

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4371 (Tungsten)
J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Wisdom:

Enclosed are the original and five copies of a proposed contract for an exploration program at the above-referenced property, signed by the Administrator for the Government, together with Annex I (1 page), Exhibit "A" (1 page), and 3 maps.

If the terms and conditions of this contract are satisfactory to you, all six copies should be signed by your firm. The copy marked "Operator's Copy" should be retained by you and the original and the other four copies should be returned to this office.

If any part of this contract does not meet with your approval, the original and all copies should be returned to this office with your suggested changes.

Very truly yours,

S. Ricker
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

Encl.

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cc: Finance Off., Reg. II
Opr. Com., DMEA, Wash., D.C.
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JUL 23 1956

Mr. Spangler Ricker, Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4371, Tungsten
J. S. and Helen Wisdom
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Ricker:

Enclosed are the original and five copies of a proposed contract for an exploration program at the above-referenced property, signed by the Administrator for the Government, together with Annex I (1 page), Exhibit "A" (1 page), and 3 maps. Two extra copies of Exhibit "A" and of the annex and maps are enclosed for the use of the Field Team.

If the terms and conditions of this proposed contract are satisfactory to you and the operator, all six copies should be signed and the usual distribution made.

If any part of this proposed contract does not have either your approval or that of the operator and can not be amended within your delegated authority, the original and all copies of the proposed contract are to be returned to this office, together with the proposed changes for consideration.

Under Article 1, the starting date has been left blank, and is to be filled in when the contract is signed by the operator. In Annex I, the Book No. of the recording of the Bright Star Nos. 1, 2, and 3 claims has been left blank, and is to be filled in, either by the operator or the Field Team.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (JHB)

Enclosures

APPROVED:

P. F. Yopes (JHB)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (JHB)
Member, Geological Survey

cc: Docket
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Adm. Read.File
T. Kiilsgaard, USGS
H. W. Holliday, USBM
FT, Region 2

R.C.K.

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

July 2, 1956

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MEMORANDUM

To: R. E. Adams, Chief, Operations Control & Statistics Div.

From: Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division

Subject: Assignment of New Docket Number
Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten
Wisdom and Mani
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California

An application for exploration assistance under the above-captioned docket was denied on April 11, 1956.

The denial has been reconsidered, and a contract for exploration assistance is being prepared. The applicant advises that the interest of Jack Mani has been purchased by J. S. Wisdom.

It is requested that a new docket number be assigned to this case under the name of J. S. and Helen Wisdom, and that all material from Docket No. 4088 be transferred to the new docket number.

T. L. Chapman

T. L. Chapman, Acting Chief
Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division

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Chapman

July 2, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: Associate Solicitor, Division of Mineral Resources

From: Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division, DMEA

Subject: Preparation of contract
Docket No. DMEA 4073 - Tungsten
J. S. and Helen Winston
Bright Star Group of Claims
Inyo County, California

Transmitted herewith is a draft of a proposed contract for the captioned project for your use in preparing the contract in final form.

Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division

Attachment

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cc to: Docket
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EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
J. S. AND HELEN WISDOM
DOCKET NO. DMSA 4[illegible]

EXHIBIT "A"

Description of the Work

The maps attached to and made part of the contract are as follows:

Fig. 1. Location Map, California

Fig. 2. Bright Star Tungsten Mine, Inyo County, California

Fig. 3. Claim Map, Bright Star Group of Claims, Inyo County, California

Proposed Work:

Program consists of drilling 6 diamond drill holes, direction of each approximately S 87.82° E, and each approximately 200 feet long from each of three sites spaced about 50 feet apart along the hill approximately 150 feet west of the outcrop of the tactite body (Fig. 2). One hole of each pair shall be drilled horizontally, the other hole of each pair shall be drilled at an approximate inclination of minus 30 degrees. The aggregate length of all holes shall not exceed 1,200 feet.

Diamond drill holes shall not be less than AX in size and shall be reamed and cased, or cemented and re-drilled as necessary. Diamond drill cores shall be split and one portion furnished to the Government. All cores shall be sampled in mineralized zones, with the samples assayed for WO_3.

Estimated Costs of the Project

Fixed Unit Costs

Diamond drill 1,200 feet @ $6.00/ft. 1/	$7,200.00	
Assay 50 samples for WO_3 @ $4.00/sample	200.00	
Estimated Total Cost of Project		$7,400.00
Government participation @ 75%		$5,550.00

1/ The unit cost includes any necessary cementing, reaming, and casing

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ANNEX I

The land referred to in Article 2 of the contract consists of 3 unpatented lode mining claims (Figure 3), located in section 25 (projected), T. 6 S., R. 38 E., M. D. B. and M., Inyo County, California, as follows:

Claim Name	Book No.	Page No.
Bright Star No. 1	-	495
Bright Star No. 2	-	497
Bright Star No. 3	-	499

The recording references are to location notices recorded in official records in the Hall of Records of Inyo County, California, at Independence, California.

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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REURTEL DOCKET DMEA 4088 WISDOM AND MANI CLAIM MAP

AIRMAILED TODAY APPLICANTS SKETCH MAP DOES NOT CONFORM

TO ACTUAL POSITION OF CLAIM=

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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MR. SPANGLER RICKER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DMEA FIELD TEAM, REGION II
1605 EVANS AVENUE
RENO, NEVADA

RE DOCKET NO. DMEA 4068, WISDOM AND MAMI, SKETCH MAP IN APPLICATION SHOWS BRIGHT STAR NO. 2 CLAIM DUE EAST OF NO. 3, BUT FIGURE 2 IN FIELD TEAM REPORT SHOWS BRIGHT STAR NO. 2 DUE NORTH OF NO. 3. PLEASE ADVISE NOW HOW SOON YOU COULD PROVIDE CLAIM MAP AND IF RE-VISIT TO PROPERTY WOULD BE REQUIRED.

George C. Selfridge

CHAIRMAN, OPERATING COMMITTEE

SPHOLT/foc
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FT. REG. II
Messrs. R. W. Holliday, USBM
T. H. Kiilsgaard, USGS

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Docket 4088

Small tactite roof pendant — see on 3 sides. —
Small pods & thin lenses of scheelite bearing tactite
geochemistry — no geologic target

proposed 200 ft of drift
on underbenchmarked tactite
At time of exam underground
was limited to drift on one

Collar adit close to lower end
of tactite body — give 10-40
ft of bars —

Inferred that pendant cut up by
granodiorite as shown 100 ft —

Indicated reserves about 500 tons
1% — Inferred 2000 tons

No chance for big discovery — strictly
a mining loan prop. — Why bother he
knows on it — or drive adit

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JUNE 17, 1956.

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DEAR MR. MITTENDORF;

SIR,

AM I TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL DRILL THE BRIGHT STAR GROUPE WITHOUT FURTHUR PAPER WORK OR APPLICATIONS? IF SO SWELL I AM SHURE WE WILL HIT RARE EARTHS AS WELL AS SCHEELITE. NOW TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE AS OF NOW.

FIRST WE WENT ON A EXTENDED VACATION, MEXICO, THE EAST & CANADA, NOW I AM HOME AND WILL REMAIN HERE DIGGING MY TALC, & DEVELOPING MY COPPER. (i will hold the cu. application until i hear from you) NOW TO THE BRIGHT STAR GROUPE, AS YOU KNOW TUNGSTEN IS PRETTY SICK AS OF NOW, HOWEVER I CAN & WILL MINE AT $34.50 IF I CANT GET MORE OR HOLD AS RESERVE, AS ALL CONSERNED FEEL IT WILL GO BACK UP AFTER A AJUSTMENT PERIOD, HOWEVER IN THE MEANTIME I BOUGHT OUT THE PARTNER MR. MANI, AS NEVADA SCHEELITE DID NOT EXCERCISE OPTION, AS THE OWNERS TOLD ME THEY COULD NOT OPERATE ON LESS THAN $53.00 UNIT. I HAVE THE GROUND BACK NOW, AND THE ONLY CHANGE IS HELEN & J.S. WISDOM OWNERS.

MINING IS A GAMBLE, BUT AFTER TUNGSTEN FELL I WAS ABLE TO TRADE CASH & LAND TO GAIN CONTROL & OWNERSHIP OF GROUND. THIS WAY IF WE HIT I BENIFIT, IF NOT WELL AT LEAST I OWN NOW. SO IF THERE IS NO FURTHUR NEED FOR APPLICATIONS, I WOULD APPERCIATE ACTION AT AN EARLY DATE.

PLEASE ADVISE J.S. Wisdom
J.S. WISDOM

P.S.

I MIGHT ADD THAT I KNEW A BIG POWERFUL COUNTRY LIKE OURS WOULD NOT TURN DOWN ANY WORTHY PROSPECT, I WORKED TOO HARD AND SPENT TOO MUCH ON THE BRIGHT STAR GROUPE, NOT TO GET HELP, DRILLING SUITED ME BEFORE MR. MANI WAS THE OBJECTOR BEFORE. BUT NOW I HAVE OWNERSHIP OF THE GROUPE NOW, SO HOPE FOR YOUR HELP SOON,

AND THANKS.

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

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MAY 17 1956

Mr. J. S. Wisdom
Wisdom & Mani
Dyer, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Wisdom:

Reference is made to your letters of May 4, and May 9, 1956, advising us that you would be interested in a diamond drilling program at the captioned property. Your letters also discuss your copper prospect at an unstated location.

Now that your attitude toward drilling has been explained and clarified, our previous denial of the subject application is being reconsidered. We note, however, that you have leased to Nevada Scheelite Corporation, and you should, therefore, send us a copy of that lease so that it can be determined whether you have preserved a sufficient interest in the property for the purposes of an exploration project.

In order to allow us to give consideration to your request for assistance in drilling your copper prospect you should complete in detail and furnish us with four copies of an application according to our enclosed Forms MF-103. We believe our previous correspondence has made it clear that we could not participate in any program which went beyond exploration, and consisted chiefly of development or production work. We do not know of any Government agency which provides loans for mine production.

Sincerely yours,

C. Mittendorf

Administrator

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MAY 21 1956

Mr. Spangler Richmond
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region XI
1695 Byron Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4055 - Tungsten
Helen Windom and Jack Neal
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Richmond:

Enclosed herewith are copies of Senator Malone's letter of May 15, 1956, to the Administrator and Mr. J. S. Windom's letters of May 4 and May 9, 1956, to the Administrator regarding the subject application. Also enclosed are copies of the letter of April 13, 1956, from Mr. Windom to Senator Malone, which is mentioned in the Senator's same letter.

Copies of the Administrator's reply of May 16, 1956, to Senator Malone and reply of May 17 to Mr. Windom have already been sent to you.

We plan to return Mr. Windom's sample, as he requested, but will hold it here pending receipt of a reply to our letter to him of May 17.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

APPROVED:

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (GCS)
Member, Bureau of Mines

/s/ Robert W. Geehan (GCS)
Member, Geological Survey

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MAY 17 1956

Mr. J. S. Wisdom
Wisdom & Hand
Ryer, Nevada

Re: Docket No. NMSA 4086 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Hand
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Wisdom:

Reference is made to your letters of May 4, and May 9, 1956, advising us that you would be interested in a diamond drilling program at the captioned property. Your letters also discuss your copper prospect at an unstated location.

Now that your attitude toward drilling has been explained and clarified, our previous denial of the subject application is being reconsidered. We note, however, that you have leased to Nevada Scheelite Corporation, and you should, therefore, send us a copy of that lease so that it can be determined whether you have preserved a sufficient interest in the property for the purposes of an exploration project.

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Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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5/16/56

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

Mr. J. S. Wisdom
Wisdom & Mani
Dyer, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

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Sincerely Yours,

Adm.

UNITED STATES
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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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N.S. in A.R.

MAY 1 6 1956

My dear Senator Malone:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 15, 1956, with which you enclosed copy of letter to you of April 13, 1956, from Mr. J. S. Wisdom, who requested reconsideration of our denial of his application for exploration assistance, identified here as Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten, Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani, Bright Star Group, Inyo County, California.

Our denial was based on our understanding that the only program of interest to Mr. Wisdom consisted essentially of development work and was therefore ineligible for aid under our program. The drilling which was suggested to determine whether the tactite had continuity in depth was not acceptable to the applicant. As you know our work must not go beyond a reasonable delineation and sampling of the ore, and must not include work prosecuted primarily for mining or preparation for mining, as seemed to be the applicant's chief purpose. Mr. Wisdom, by letters of May 4 and 9, 1956, has since informed us that he would be interested in a program of diamond drilling. He is now being advised that his application is under reconsideration for exploration drilling.

Review of the related application for aid, Mr. Wisdom's above mentioned letter to you, and our more recent correspondence with him, indicates that he desires financial assistance in exploring, developing, and producing from the Bright Star Group. Production assistance for domestic tungsten producers is provided by the Government through the General Services Administration tungsten purchase program, and not through individual production loans as desired by Mr. Wisdom.

Confirming our telephone conversation with your office today, a total of 115 exploration contracts have been executed for tungsten since the inception of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration program. Time does not permit the preparation of a list of these contracts. However, there is enclosed a listing as of May 31, 1955, of all contracts executed by this agency and, as you will note, the tungsten contracts are properly identified on this list. In addition we enclose a listing of tungsten contracts only executed during the period June 1, 1955 through

April 30, 1956. Mr. Windom states that he has never known a little man to get a loan, but the above mentioned lists show the high proportion of our contracts with small operators.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)
Administrator

Enclosures

Hon. George W. Malone
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 15, 1956

Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Interior Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

I am writing relative to the J. S. Wisdom application for a DMEA loan which has been turned down. I have a copy of your letter to Mr. Mani of the Wisdom and Mani Enterprises, Dyer, Nevada, dated April 11th, which refers to your file number: Docket No. DMEA 4088, Tungsten, Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani, Bright Star Group, Inyo County, California.

Enclosed is copy of Mr. Wisdom's letter showing tonnage production with potential in sales of good assays and sales of 40 units at 60.5 coneentrates.

This matter is of utmost importance to me and I would, therefore, appreciate receiving all the available information upon which the turning down of this loan was based, not later than tomorrown evening.

I would also appreciate knowing what the requirements are in grade and potential quantities, and would like a list of all production loans to tungsten producers.

Please have the above information forwarded to me sometime tomorrow.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Malone

George W. Malone, USS

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April 13, 1956

Dear Senator:

I want to ask you for a little help should it be in your power, if not please advise if possible.

First the Bright Star Groupe has produced over five thousand dollars in prospecting, and sir I have assays that show twenty percent ran by Ed Eienenhouer, and Kelton Research, plus we dug out 125 ton and milled 62 ton, the results were 40 units of 60.5 concentrates. There is ore on the contact in four places. One place being twenty ft. wide of large cublar scheelite of the finest grade. White-bluein color, the Govt. engineers were excited even, and Mr. Geo. Kroechler of Vanadium ~~sixx~~ said I had a good thing. Mr. Karl Dresslerhousen grad. engineer of U. of Calif. states, I give you geologically 250.000 potential. Now I have never known a little man with good ore, and a profitable production record, to get a loan, ~~whix~~ this proves it, I have profitable ore with a av. of three percent production record and ore veins (four) to go on three to six ft. wide on a lime granit contact. The ore can be measured fifty ft. wide above and 175 ft. to the apex. Based on our backs this multiplied by a gravity, of 8, times fifty ft. times 175 ft., with proper consideration of the physical characteristics (ore on four sides of mt. all the same, would lend credence to the opinion that the ore goes thru the mt. further proved by the float and test holes. Plus assays that are consistent. Plus we are making it pay with a three percent av.

Back to tonnage, according to my figures and three grad. E.M. we expect by driving three hundred ft. and of this we drive 175' then cross cut on contact. O.K. now with approx. 1 cu. yd. to the short ton (av. 3%) we could reasonably expect the following 218.750 tons potential. Now sir at the prevailing prices we are guaranteed by the GSA this would represent approx. gross $41,343,750.00 Now this is based on past production, and pertinent information without too much extravagence, in statement Tho hypothetical in a sense, isn't all modern engineering hypothetical as far as the element of gamble is concerned? But I am taught that we believe with the earmarks of a mine coupled with the physical

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characteristics as I mentioned afore, coupled with facts submitted, wouldn't you as a engineer, believe I have a good chance in developing adequate ore, to justify the exploration tunnel. Especially when I can and have made the prospect pay? I sold to Mr. Gee of Wah Ching Corp. He paid on Ed Eisenhouers assays head cut. However, he is in some kind of difficulty. Thus I sold my last con's to Pap Jones of Bishop, I had an unhappy experience thus I applied and recieced a GSA number, then I started to build a mill, the millis ready to roll, in fact we ground down and are shaking out the bugs when I received this enclosed letter, of which I consider unfair.

I would be much appreciative of anything you can do.

Very sincerely,

J. S. Wisdom

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DEAR MR. MITTENDORF;

SIR.

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER IT WAS VERY EXPLICITED, AND THANKS, YOU MAY RETURN SAMPLE BY REGULAR MAIL IF YOU PLEASE.

NOW I WILL ADVISE YOU IN ACCEPTING A DRILLING PROGRAM ON THE BRIGHT STAR. YOUR ENGINEERS ADVISED THIS BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN THIS WAS ALL THEY WOULD O.K. OR ADVISE FAVORABLY ON, OF COURSE I WANT IT DRILLED, BUT THIS WAS NOT EXPLAINED DRILL OR NOTHING. AS YOU INTIMATE THIS IS IT.

O.K. SO SEND ME O.K. & CONTRACT TO DRILL. THE DRILLING CONTRACTS HERE GOES AT $4.00 TO $6.00 A FT.

DOES THE D.M.E.A. WANT TO DRILL OR DO I DO IT? I CAN OPERATE A DIAMOND DRILL, AND HAVE HERE.

WHILE I AM ON THE SUBJECT I OWN 400.000 TONS OF COPPER I HAVE 900' OF TUNNELLS ON ORE WITH 67 ' OF BACKS. SEND ME A DRILLING CONTRACT FOR THIS TOO. AS I WILL DEVELOPE A MAJOR BODY WHILE I AM AT IT.

YOU SEE MR. MITTENDORF, WISDOM IS ALSO DUTCH, AND WE CAN DO AS WE STATE, HOWEVER WE FEEL THIS GOVT. AID IS FOR THE MAJORS AND CHOSED FEW, NOW THE EIGHTEENTH I AM GOING TO WASH. AND TWENTY SEVEN STATES, THEN ON TO ALBERTA CANADA TO INSPECT MY RANCH & MINING INTERESTS THERE. LAST SUMMER I TOURED CENTRAL AMERICA, AND I HAVE SEEN TEN FORIGN COUNTRIES, I WAS THE PERSONAL CONSULTANT FOR THE BEKINS INTERESTS, PLUS MINED IN MEXICO FOR DUETZLER INC. I OWN SIX THOUSAND ACRES HERE, THE WATER THREE RESERVIORS, THE PIGEON SPRINGS MILL PLUS VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, I MADE ALL THE HARD WAY, THE PEOPLE HERE WILL TELL YOU I PAY MY BILLS AND MY NAME IS GOOD AT ANY BANK OF AMERICA PLUS THE BANK AT TONAPAH NEV. I AM PRESENTLY MINING & MILLING PB-Au Ag. THE CON'S ARE FULL OF GOLD AND STREGICS, PLUS I AM SHIPPING TO U.S. SMELTERING MIDVALE UTAH, AND A LOAD WENT TO TOOELE I.N. S. TO DETERMINE THE SMELTER WHO WILL NET. SETTLEMENT, AND PAY THE BEST. I DONT OWE A DIME, AND OWN ALL I STATE PLUS 27.000 ACRES IN HONDURAS C.A. WHERE I RODE INTO OLANCHO IIO MI. HORSEBACK

GOT INTO A BANDIT FIGHT WITH THREE BANDITS, I AM GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO TO DICKER WITH YUBA, TO LET ME HAVE A DREDGE TO PLACER THE GOLD THERE WHICH IS EXTENSIVE TO SAY THE LEAST.

HOWEVER BACK TO MY PROBLEMS HERE, IF GOVT. MONEY IS AVAILABLE I WANT MY PART. MAGMA COPPER GOT A STEEL AT SAM MIGUIAL AND I KNOW SOME OF THE MAGMA PEOPLE AT THE SMELTER AT SUPERIOR.

WAS GOING TO SHIP COPPER TO CALDWELL THE SUPT. OF THE PLANT THERE BUT HE AS MANY OTHERS THOUGHT I HAD HAY BEHIND MY EARS. HE OFFERED ME $1.00 TON FOR MY EIGHTY TWO PERCENT SILICA, AND I TOLD HIM TO GO TO HELL THE SILICA THEY NEED BADLY SHOULD AT LEAST PAY THE SMELTING, BUT HERE AGAIN THE CHOSEN FEW THINK THEY CAN RUN IT OVER THE LITTLE FELLOW, WELL SIR HERES ONE LITTLE FELLOW WHO THINKS DIFFERENT. AND I WILL FIND OUT THRU PROPER CHANNELS WHY I CANT GET HELP, WHEN I HAVE GOOD ORE AND A SUCCESSFUL RECORD. (in a small way, but with help i can produce and operate just as effecently as the next one) WHAT BRAINS I NEED I CAN HIRE THE YOUNG ENGINEERS, WHILE DOING THIS I CAN TRAIN THEM THE ECCONOMICAL AND PRACTICAL METHODS THET THE BOOK DONT SHOW.

HOW DO I GET A PRODUCTION LOAD AND WHOM DO I WRITE OR SEE? ANY CONSIDERATION YOU SHOW WILL BE GREATLY APPERCISTED AND NOT FORGOTTON.

SINCERLY YOURS J.S. Wisdom
J.S. WISDOM-DYER, NEV.

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DEAR MR. MITTENDORF

SIR;

I LEASED MY TUNGSTEN TO NEVADA SCHEELITE CORP. FOR $100.000 BOND LEASE, SO I WILL NOT CORE DRILL THE TUNGSTEN IF THEY GO AHEAD, IN CASE THEY DONT THEN I WILL BE READY TO DRILL, IN THE MEANTIME I WANT TO WORK MY COPPER-GOLD, I SHIPPED OUT FOUR TRUCK LOADS, THE RETURN HASENT BEEN RECEIVED HOWEVER MR. WATTS THE ORE BUYER SENT ME A LETTER STATING A EXPECTED SETTLEMENT OF $154.00 NET.TON.

HOW DO I GET A PRODUCTION LOAD? I HAVE FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF COPPER, BUT DONT HAVE THE MONEY TO FINANCE AND I WANT TO GO RIGHT OR NOT AT ALL.

I WILL NEED TEN THOUSAND TO GET INTO PRODUCTION, THE ASSAYS SHOW FROM FIFTY DOLLARS TON, UP TO $136.00 TON, SOME ROCK IS SO RICH YOU CAN SEE THE GOLD FREE. I HAVE WORKED HERE EIGHT YRS. AND I HAVE PLENTY ORE, BUT NEED HELP TO GO AHEAD, THIS COPPER WILL SUPPORT A FIFTY TON FLOATATION PLANT FOR YRS. OR BETTER STILL, A SMALL SMELTER, WE HAVE THE SILICA, LIMES, ETC. FOR FLUXING, PLENTY WATER ETC.

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER, AND PLEASE ADVISE, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FORMING A CO. TO TAKE IN FINANCIAL HELP SHOULD YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED. PLEASE ADVISE AND THANKS.

J.S. Wisdom

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1605 Evans Avenue
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May 7, 1956

Memorandum

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

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4088 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

In accordance with your letter of April 27, 1956 I have forwarded your letter which we dated May 7, 1956 to Mr. Wisdom. Attached are the five copies for your files.

S. Ricker

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Mr. J. S. Wisdom
Wisdom & Mani
Dyer, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Wisdom:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 14, 1956, concerning the sample you submitted to us for assay. In the same bag with the sample, and thoroughly mixed with it, we found a 7/8 inch diameter stopper and many fragments of a glass vial, or bottle, that may have been about 2 inches long before it was broken.

As mentioned in our letter of May 1, 1956, we have no facilities for assaying here. Please advise us, therefore, what disposition is to be made of the sample, which can either be returned to you or disposed of locally. We note by observation and lamping that scheelite is present in the coarse material, and seemingly in greater concentration in the fines. Wolframite, if present, could only be a minor constituent, as none was observed. Gold is not on our list of eligible minerals.

Your statement that you have stopped mining until you hear from us, when considered in conjunction with your statement that the sample submitted is representative of a twenty foot vein, confirms our understanding that what you desire is chiefly a production loan, in which, as explained in our above mentioned letter, we may not participate.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

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In accordance with your letter of April 26, 1956 I have forwarded your letter which we dated May 1, 1956 to Mr. Wisdom. Attached are the five copies for your files.

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Mr. J. S. Wisdom
Wisdom & Mani
Dyer, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4066 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Wisdom:

This will acknowledge receipt of your two letters of April 13, 1956, requesting that our denial of your subject application be reconsidered, and enclosing photographs of your property and equipment. Apparently you estimate that you have a large tonnage of three percent tungsten ore and we note that you have already built a mill. From your letters we conclude therefore, that your chief requirement is a production loan to be applied to the cost of mining.

In this regard we note also that both your letters state that you are suspending production until you receive a "loan" from us. Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, however, has no authority to make production loans or to suggest whether any operator should produce or not.

It seems possible that you have misunderstood the purpose of our program which, as explained in the enclosed "Questions & Answers" pamphlet, is to encourage exploration for unknown or undeveloped sources of strategic or critical metals and minerals. As you will find stated on page 4 in Question 13: "Q. May the work include blocking out ore for purposes of production? A. No. The regulations state: The work shall not go beyond a reasonable delineation and sampling of the ore, and shall not include work prosecuted primarily for mining or preparation for mining."

In considering your proposed exploration by a near-surface adit our information is there are pods and lenses of scheelite-bearing tactite on your property, but we have not been convinced by tangible evidence that such showings are sufficient to warrant Government participation in such a program. Although the adit suggested in

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your letters may seem to you to be desirable for development, in our opinion it could not be justified as exploration. Diamond drilling would show more economically whether the best of the present showings had any appreciable continuity, but we understand that your associates have expressed themselves against a diamond drilling program.

If, however, you would be interested in a small diamond drilling program, we would of course review and consider engineering reports or any other information which you might wish to submit, preferably by mail, for our inspection. Please, however, do not send samples to us in Washington as we have no facilities for assaying here.

The stamped envelope and the photographs which you enclosed are returned as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Mr. Spangler Ricker, Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Ricker:

Supplementing our letter to you of April 26, 1956, on the subject denied application, enclosed are copies of a self-explanatory letter of April 14, from Mr. J. S. Wisdom, and a letter which we have prepared as a proposed reply.

If our letter meets with your approval it will be appreciated if you will fill in the date in the second paragraph thereof and send the original to the addressee and return all copies, except yours, to this office. If you have improvements to suggest, please return all copies to us with your comments. In the latter event it will be appreciated if you will advise Mr. Wisdom at the same time that his letter has been received and is being reviewed and that he may expect a prompt answer.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge
Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

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APPROVED:

/s/ Robert W. Geehan (GCS)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (GCS)
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Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Ricker:

Enclosed are copies of two letters of April 13, 1956, from Mr. J. S. Wisdom, requesting reconsideration of our denial of the subject application. Also enclosed are copies of a letter which we have prepared as a proposed reply to Mr. Wisdom's two requests.

If our letter meets with your approval it will be appreciated if you will send the original to the addressee and return all copies, except yours, to this office. If you have improvements to suggest, please return all copies to us with your comments. In that event it will be appreciated if you will advise Mr. Wisdom at the same time that his letter has been received and is being reviewed and that he may expect a prompt answer.

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Chairman, Operating Committee (4/13)

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DEAR MR. MITTENDORF;

WBM

PLEASE ASSAY FOR WOLF-SCHEELITE-GOLD. THIS IS A REEPRESENTIVE SAMPLE WE WERE MINING UNTIL I ORDERED STOPPED UNTIL I HEAR FROM YOU, WE HAVE TWENTY FT OF THIS, AND THREE MORE VIENS TO GO ON THAT WONT GO THIS GOOD BUT WILL GO TWO PERCENT.

I WILL COOPERTEE ANY WAY I CAN, ALL I WANT IS THE LOAN OF WHICH I AM ENTITLED, AS I GOT ORE TO GO ON, WETH PLENTY POTENTIAL.

YOURS J. S. Wisdom
J.S. WISDOM

P.S.

WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF YOUR ASSAY FOR MY RECORDS?

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APRIL 13, 1956.

MR. C.O. MITTENDORF;

SIR,

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THAT I REFUSE TO ACCEPT YOUR REGREATS AS RE/ MY TUNGSTEN-WOLFRAMITE DEPOSIT, I HAVE WROTE SEN. E.L. CORD FOR HELP IN THE FORM OF AN APPEAL, I DO HAVE A MINE AND WILL ENCLOSE PROOF THAT I HAVE SAME. I HAVE NEVER KNOWN OF A LIT *TLE MAN GETTING A GOVT. LOAN, THUS I WILL TRY TO CREATE A PRESED--ENCE IN THIS CATIGORY, THAT IS TO BE ONE WHO WILL GET HIS RIGHTS AND GOVT. HELP EVEN THO STALLING NOW WILL OBLIBERTTE CHANCES NOW THAT THE STOCKPILE IS NEARING COMPLETION. HOWEVER MY APPLICATION WAS VALID AS OF THE DATE OF FILING SO WILL GO FROM THERE.

Nevada State Senator

I HAVE MADE THE TUNGSTEN PAY FROM GRASSROOTS, AND HAVE ORE IN FOUR PLACES TO PROVE IT, ASSAYS FROM REPTIBLE MEN SHOW FROM 1% TO 20% I HAVE THE ASSAYS AND WILL SUBMIT ON REQUEST, HOWEVER THE BEST EVIDENCE HOLDS AS FOLLOWS, OUT OOF 125 TON PROSPECTING I MILLED 62 TON AND RECOVERED ALL TOLD 40UNITS, OF THIS PART WAS SOLD TO MR. GEE OF WAH CHANG CORP. THE OTHER WAS SOLD TO C.L.JONES AT BISHOP CAL. NOW WE HAVE TAKEN OUT OVER FIVE THOUSAND ALL TOLD (5) HOLES, AND I HAVE HAD THREE REPTIBLE ENGINEERS TO STATE IN HIS OPINION I HAVE THE EARMARKS OF A MINE, 1) THE PHYSICAL CHARTERISTICS--2) A TRUE CONTAC -T WHERE WE HAVE THE PRIMARY TACTITES, THE FOUR VIENS ARE VERTICLE, AND GO FROM TWO PERCENT TO TWENTY PERCENT, NOT COUNTING GOLD AND WOLFRAMITE. I ASKED I BELIEVE FOR THIRTY DOLLARS A FT. TO DRIVE 175' TO THE APEX. THEN CROSS CUT TO THE EXTENT OF THE BODY, THE SURFACE SHOWS FIFTY FT. WIDE BY 170' TO APEX. AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD HAVE

APPOX 75' OF BACKS, NOW THREE PERCENT ORE (our av. so far, plus surface lamping and assaying) SHOWS THE FOLLOWING, GR. 8 EQUALS I TON to THREE CU. FT. HYPOTHECTICALLY YES BUT ISENT ALL MODERN ENGINEERIN -G BASED ON THE EARMARKS? THUS 175' TIMES 75 FT. TIMES FIFTY FT. WOULD REPRESENT 218,750 short tons. THIS AT PREVAILING PRICES EQUALS APPOX. $41,343,750.00 STAGGERING EH? WELL A TENTH OF THIS ORE DEVELOPED WILL JUSTIFY A SIX THOUSAND LOAN, AND I HAVE SIX THOUSAND IN SIGHT, PLUS A PROFITABLE OPERATION, HELL I EVEN WENT TO THE EXPENCE OF BUILDING A MILL (ten thousand plus my work & 4 mo) WHY ? BECAUSE THE BROKERS WHO BOUGHT MT CONS WOULD NOT PAY ME FOR MY GOLD, PLUS, MY WOLFRAMITE, PLUS ONLY SIXTY DOLLARS LESS WHAT THEY COULD PELTALIZE ME, I CAUGHT THEM ON THIS, NOW THEY SAY I AM TOO SMART, HELL I GOT TWO PURPLE HEARTS, PLUS FOUR DECORATIONS PLUS A 1808-13 84 NO. FROM THE ARMY PLUS A PERMANENT DISSABILITY TO SHOW I AM ENTITLED TO KNOW SOMTHING. THUS I GOT ME A G.S.A. NUMBER AND 800 # OF CON'S READY TO SHIP. BUT NEED 1,200 MORE TO SHIP TO FRISCO.

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This is Mr. Wisdom's Army Service Number 18,081,384 His first name is Jerrell

O.K. SO I OWN THIRTY THOUSAND IN EQUIP. OWE NOT A DIME, & HAVE A POTENTENIAL MINE, WITH A PROFITABLE RECORD AND A LITTLE CASH, NOW YOU TELL ME I DONT HAVE ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY A GOVT. LOAN. O.K. A REPRESENTIVE SAMPLE WILL BE MAILED TO YOU, YOU ASSAY AND IF I AINT TELLING THE TRUTH I'LL GIVE YOU THE MINE, ME & MY BOYS HAVE MADE OUR LIVING FOR YRS, HERE AND I GOT A A- RATING FROM THE BANK, WHY? BECAUSE I CAN SEE AS FAR UNDER THIS MT. AS YOUR BOYS CAN, FURTHUR, BECAUSE I GOT GUMPTION ENOUGH TO OWN THREE SUCCESSFUL MINES, NOW IF YOUR BOYS ARE SO SMART WHY DONT THEY HAVE MY MONEY & MINES? WHY DO THEY WORK FOR THE GOVT. I WOULD NOT WORK FOR THEIR WAGES. I OWN TWENTY THREE THOUSAND ACRES IN HONDURAS, A DREDGE, THREE PROFITABLE

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MINES HERE OPERATING, BUILT GRO. BROWNS MILL WHICH INCEDENTIALLY SHOWS THE MOST CONSISTENT PROFIT HERE, FOR FOUR YRS. BUILT MY MILL. ALL STEEL WELDED, SELF UNLOADING, PROVED WATER WHERE THE EXPERTS SAI -D NO. I GOT A HALF MILLION GALS BACKED IN THREE RESERVIORS TO SHOW PLUS OUT OF A FOUR BY SIX WELL I PUMP 160 GAL. PR.MIN. WITH A STATIC DRAW DOWN OF 10 INCHES. I PUMP 17.800 GAL. IN FOUR HRS. I BUILT OVER A HUNDRED MI. OF RDS HERE IN PAST FOUR YRS. SO MR. MITTENDORF THIS IS A FEW PROOFS. FACTS THAT I WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON AND PUT ON YOUR DESK, YES I ALSO OWN TAX PD. A RANCH IN ALBERTA CANADA, AND AS SOON AS I GET MY GOVT. LOAN I WILL GO THERE FOR THIRTY DAYS VACATION.

I AM FULL BLOOD DUTCH, WISDOM IS JUST THAT, I HAVE THE BEST REFERENCES HERE AS A PRACTICLE ENGINEER WITH A HELL OF A PRODUCTION RECORD AND WHERE THEY SAID I COULDENT DO IT. I BOUGHT THE BRIGHT STAR GROUPE FOR TWO THOUSAND WHEN I COULDENT GET MR. SCOTT TO WORK, HE SAID NO MINE, AND IF I WAS SO SMART TO GO AHEAD HE WOULD SELL IT TO ME, I SAID HOW MUCH, HE QUOTED THE ABOVE PRICE AND I SAID LETS GO TO THE BANK, I TOOK OUT $3,500.00 IN FIRST TEN DAYS WITH A PICK AND SHOVEL, NOW MY DAD SAID WE LOST THE WAR AT BERLIN IN W.W.I. HE WAS GASSED AND DIED WITH CANCER OF THE LUNG, HE & I VOLINTEERED IN W.W. II O.K. SO WE BOTH GOT PURPLE HEARTS TO SHOW. BUT THE POINT I AM GETTING AT IS THIS, I BEEN IN FORTY OF THE FORTY EIGHT, & TEN FORIGN COUNTRIES, THE FACT WE LOST W.W.I AT BERLIN THIS FACT BORE REPITITION IN W.W. II WHEN WE LET THE RUSKIES GO IN BERLIN. RIGHT? I CAN & WILL DEVELOPE TUNGSTEN FOR UNCLE SAM, BUT I STATE THIS WAR ISENT OVER ITS JUST THE BUILDUP FOR THE REALLY BIG ONE, AND THE RUSKIES ARE HOLDING THE ACES, AS NEPOLEON SAID, CHINA IS A SLEEPING

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GIANT, LET HER SLEEP, FOR ONCED SHE IS AWAKENED SHE WILL ARRISE AND SHAKE THE WORLD, REMEMBER KOREA? JUST A TEST , WITH RUSSIA INDUSTRY, AND THE CHINKS LINES FOUR ABREST YOU COULD KILL TEN THOUSAND A DAY AND THE COMBINED BIRTH RATE WOULD FILL THE RANKS. ANTOM BOMBS? NO, NO COUNTRY WILL FIGHT A WAR OF TOTAL DESTRUCTION, LOOK AT THE GERMANS THEY OUTLAWED GAS AS IT WAS AS HARD ON GERMANS AS THE ALLIES. THUS THE ATOM BOMB, NO DICE, FIRST PLACE THE RUSSIANS HAVE IT AND IT WOULD BE UNFEASIBLE TO USE, WE LOST THAT PERROGITAVE WHEN WE HIT JAPAN, GOOD POLITICAL WEAPON, AND GOOD FOR THE MASSESS, BUT I DONT BUY IT, BUT TUNGSTEN AND ARMOR O.K. EVEN THEN IT WILL TAKE TEN MILLION GOOD AMERICAN LIVES TO WHIP THE RUSSIA-CHINA TEAM & CO. I WOULD RATHER FIGHT THE W.W. II OVER AGAIN, SO WOULD MY BUDDIES I SERVED WI -TH SOME OF EM SERVED IN KOREA AND THEY SAY ITS TOUGHER THAN W.W.II.

O.K. SIR I HOPE I HAVE CONVIENCED YOU THAT I DESERVE A ~~HE####~~ HEARING, SO BASED ON A APPEAL, I WILL GLADLY DO THE FOLLOWING.

1) SEND YOU A SAMBLE (reperesentive)
2) SEND MORE INFORMATION
3) FLY TO WASHINGTON TO SEE YOU.
4) OR SEND YOU ENGINEERS REPORTS.

BUT I WANT THE LOAN, O.K?

MEANTIME I AM SENDING TO SENATOR E.L. CORD, WHO IS A ENGINEER. AND A REPTIBLE MINING MAN WITH TEN MILLION PRODUCTION RECORD. I AM LETTING MINE STAY IDLE, SO AS TO BACK UP WHAT I STATE AS OF APR. 13, 1956. I WANT THE LOAN OR I WILL TRY TO FIND OUT WHY, AS I FEEL JUSTIFIED IN ASKING, AS OTHERS HAVE GOTTON LOANS AND DONT HAVE HALF THE MINE I GOT. THUS I WILL NOT PRODUCE, OR WORK UNTIL I HERR FROM YOU AMMENDING YOUR INITIAL DESISION, THEN MAYHAPS WITH FURTHUR INVESTIGATION ON YOUR PART, YOU WILL BE CONVIENCED THAT I DESERVE ALL I ASK. I WORKED TOO MANY YRS. TO ACCEPT YOUR INITIAL DESISION, AS I KNOW IF YOU KNEW THE REAL FACTS YOU WOULD BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO HELP ME.

VERY SINCERLY YOURS, J.S. Wisdom
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DEAR MR. MITTENDORF;

SIR,

ENCLOSED IS SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, AND EVIDENCE IN AND REGUARDS TO MY APPLICATION FOR D.M.E.A. LOAN.

WILL YOU PLEASE SEND BACK WHEN THRU INVESTIGATED? I HATE TO APPEAL, BUT FEEL JUSTIFIED IN DOING SO, SO WILL USE ALL MEANS AT MY COMMAND TO GET JUSTICE, AS I HAVE A MINE HERE, BUT ORDERED SUPENSION OF MINING UNTIL I HEAR FROM YOU, GRANTING MY LOAN, OF COURSE AFTER FURTHUR INVESTIGATIONS ON YOUR PART. I KNOW YOU WILL O.K. LOAN AFTER YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE PEROVING MY CLAIMS.

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Mr. Jack Mani
Wisdom and Mani Enterprises
Ryer, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten
Nelson Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Mani:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other data available to us in Washington relative to the above named property have been carefully reviewed.

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

Careful study of our information, although noting tungsten mineralization on the Bright Star group of claims, indicates to us that the probability of disclosing minable tungsten ore reserves is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. Under these circumstances, we regret to advise you that your application is denied.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration program and for bringing this property to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

To: Administrator, DMEA

From: Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division, DMEA

Subject: Denial of request for exploration assistance in the amount of $15,090.00
Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Denial of the subject application is recommended by this Division based on the following information:

1. The applicants, Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani, % Jack Mani, Dyer, Nevada, requested exploration assistance in the amount of $15,090.00 for drifting and crosscutting on the Bright Star Group.

2. The applicants are the owners of the Bright Star Nos. 1, 2, and 3, unpatented lode mining claims, situated in sec. 25 (projected), T. 6 S., R. 38 E., M. D. B. & M., Inyo County, California, on the south side of Sylvania Canyon in the Sylvania Mountain Range.

3. The proposed program is to explore the property by drifting and crosscutting on the Bright Star No. 3 claim.

4. In the area of the Bright Star group of claims tungsten mineralization occurs in a thin lens or lenses of scheelite-bearing material along the footwall side of a north-striking garnet tactite body, and as small pods and lenses of scheelite-bearing tactite at or near the contacts of thin bedded limestone and hornfels with granodiorite.

5. The Field Team concludes that, although there is a fair possibility that a well planned program of exploration and mining would yield minable quantities of tungsten ore on this property, the inferred reserves, even though they were discovered, would not be sufficiently significant to warrant Government participation in the project, and therefore recommends that the application be denied. The Commodity Division of the Bureau of Mines concurs in this recommendation.

The Commodity Division of the Geological Survey recommended that a modified program (of diamond drilling) suggested by the Field Team's examiners be considered by the IMMA, and if the program appeared warranted, the Field Team be asked to discuss such a program with the applicant. The Field Team, when requested to determine whether the applicant would be interested in the diamond drilling plan, suggested in its report, replied that the plan had been discussed with the applicants, who were decidedly against it.

W. S. Martin, Chief
Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division

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Memorandum

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

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From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4088 (Tungsten)
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Reference is made to your letter of March 16, 1956 regarding the denial of subject application for a DMEA exploration loan.

I have discussed the problem with Roscoe Smith, as well as with B. H. Sheahan, Bureau of Mines and H. K. Stager, Geological Survey.

The question of diamond drilling was discussed with the applicants during the field examination and they were decidedly against such a program. The applicants are locally well known to be irresponsible and incompetent, and are apparently unwilling to hire or accept technical assistance. We believe they would be unable to carry on an exploration program as proposed in your letter. We strongly recommend that the DMEA avoid any dealings whatsoever with them.

We suggest that the application be denied on the grounds that the inferred reserves even though they were discovered would not be sufficiently significant to warrant Government participation in the project.

S. Ricker

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Mr. Spangler Ricker, Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4088, Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Ricker:

Reference is made to the report of B. H. Sheahan, Bureau of Mines, and H. K. Stager, Geological Survey, which suggests that the above-noted property is not without merit.

Apparently one of the main reasons for recommending denial of the project is the incompetence of the applicant.

We are reluctant to base any denial solely on lack of competence of the applicant, because funds for an approved engineer and geologist can usually be allotted in drafting a contract, if warranted. Unless you have already done so, it would be advisable to determine whether the applicant would be interested in the diamond drilling plan recommended in the Field Team's report. Please inform us also whether you and the applicant would be agreeable to sinking a 50- or 75-foot shaft and doing 40 or 50 feet of drifting. Such a program might be more effective than an adit from the surface, or diamond drilling.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

Approved:

/s/ Robert W. Geehan (GCS)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (GCS)
Member, Geological Survey

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March 7, 1956

Memorandum

To: W. A. Martin, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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From: T. H, Kiilsgaard, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of Field Team report on application DMEA Docket 4088 (tungsten), Bright Star Group, Inyo County, California

Field examiners recommend denial of the applicant's proposal, which is to drive 200 feet of drift and crosscut under a small tungsten-bearing tactite body on the Bright Star No. 3 claim. No location for the adit was given by the applicant but the examiners believe it would be placed high on the ridge and that it would explore the deposit at depths of from 10 to 40 feet below the outcrop. Estimated cost of the applicant's proposal amounts to $15,090.00.

Although recommending denial of the applicant's proposal, the field examiners apparently have some confidence in the property for they suggest a modified exploration program, which would consist of 6 diamond drill holes, the cost of which would total $7,200.00.

After reading the report I find it difficult to agree with Field Team recommendations. The deposit, although small, appears to warrant exploration. The major ore shoot is described as averaging 3 feet in thickness, to be more or less continuous for 120 feet, and to extend down dip for about 100 feet. The probable grade of this ore shoot is estimated at 1 percent WO_3. Taking the examiners estimated reserves of 2,500 tons of 1 percent WO_3, assuming 60 percent recovery and the present price of tungsten, there should be almost enough proceeds from the sale of concentrates to repay the Government's participation in the modified drilling program. This would certainly minimize the risks of exploration. Furthermore, with the other mineralized outcrops on the property, there is also the possibility of finding more ore than is anticipated.

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The examiners' questions concerning the applicant's competence, willingness to employ competent help, and mining experience appear to be of less importance than does the probability of making a significant discovery. I therefore recommend that the modified program be considered by DMEA, that if this program appears warranted the Field Team be asked to discuss such a program with the applicant; and that if all are agreed such a program be approved for an exploration contract.

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Memorandum

To: Chief, Iron & Ferroalloys Division-DMEA
Through: Chief, Branch of Ferrous Metals & Ferroalloys

From: Commodity Specialist - Tungsten

Subject: Review of Field Examination Report
Docket No. DMEA 4088 - Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

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Applicants applied for Government assistance in a $15,090 program of drifting and crosscutting although the examiners report that a diamond drilling program would be better suited to explore the deposit. Despite the possibility that a well planned program might yield minable ore the examiners recommend denial of the application. I concur in recommending denial.

R W Holliday
R. W. Holliday

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1605 Evans Avenue
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February 17, 1956

Memorandum

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

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4088 (Tungsten)
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Reference is made to your letter of December 23, 1955 requesting a field examination of subject property.

Attached are four copies of a report by H. K. Stager, Geological Survey and B. H. Sheahan, Bureau of Mines, in which it is recommended that the application for exploration aid be denied.

Roscoe Smith and I concur in the recommendation.

S. Ricker

Attach.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DOUGLAS McKAY, SECRETARY

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM
REGION II

APPLICATION REPORT

DMEA 4088 (tungsten)
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star group
Inyo County, California

by

B. H. Sheahan
Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

H. K. Stager
Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

February 14, 1956

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
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INTRODUCTION

Mr. Jack Mani, and his associates Mr. J. W. Wisdom and Mrs. Helen Wisdom, of Dyer, Nevada, applied for Government assistance in a $15,090 program under the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, docket DMEA-4088, to explore for tungsten at the Bright Star mine, Inyo County, California. The applicants wish to explore a tungsten-bearing tactite outcrop to determine if an ore reserve of sufficient size can be found to justify the construction of a small mill.

A field examination was requested by the Operating Committee on December 23, 1955 and was made by B. H. Sheahan, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and H. K. Stager, U. S. Geological Survey, on January 10, 1956, accompanied by Mr. J. S. Wisdom and Mr. Jack Mani.

As no maps or assays were available the examiners mapped and sampled the surface exposures.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bright Star property contains a small tungsten-bearing tactite body. The results of the examination indicate that the ore bodies, although of good grade, are thin and may

be difficult to mine economically. The applicants proposed to explore the deposit by 200 feet of drifting and crosscutting at undetermined locations. A diamond drilling program would be better suited to explore the deposit.

There is a fair possibility that a well planned program of exploration and mining would yield minable quantities of ore on this property. However, the competence and ability of the operators to pursue a logical program, and their willingness to employ competent help, is so questionable that there is little possibility of a successful program.

It is recommended that Government assistance be denied. If, at some future time, the control of the property passes to more competent management an exploration program may be recommended.

LOCATION, ACCESSIBILITY, AND LOCAL RESOURCES

The Bright Star claims are in section 25 (projected), T. 6 S., R. 38 E., M.D.B.&M., Inyo County, California, at an altitude of 7,000 feet on the south side of Sylvania Canyon in the Sylvania Mountain range. The property adjoins the claims of the 4 Aces mine, DMEA-3551, contract No. Idm-E779, Lead-Zinc - Tungsten Esmeralda County, Nevada. The California-Nevada state line is a few hundred yards east of the Bright Star claims.

To reach the claims from Dyer, Nevada, follow paved State Highway 3-A south 11.1 miles, turn left at Oasis, California and follow paved State Highway 3 southeasterly 5.1 miles; turn

right onto dirt road marked by Sylvania mine signpost and proceed 7.5 miles southeasterly, turn right at intersection and follow a very steep jeep road 0.5 mile to the property. The total distance from Dyer, Nevada is 23.8 miles. Big Pine, California, the nearest town and source of supplies is 50 miles by road to the southwest. Dirt roads in the vicinity are frequently impassable during the winter season.

Water for domestic purposes is obtained from a well on the property. Scrub pine and cedar suitable for fire wood is available. The 4 Aces mine operates a mill 1.8 miles by road northeast of the Bright Star. Treatment charge for custom ore is $10 per ton but recovery by table concentration is only about 50 percent.

HISTORY AND PRODUCTION

The property was originally located as a gold prospect but no production was made and the claims were abandoned. Mr. Don H. Clair, operator of the 4 Aces mine, discovered the scheelite-bearing tactite outcrop on the property but did not do any exploration work. Early in 1951 Messrs. J. Scott and Art Goring

constructed a 500-foot tramway from the tactite outcrop to the bottom of the canyon and mined a small tonnage of tungsten ore.

The applicants estimate that about 200 tons of ore has been produced from the deposit and that this ore contained over 2 percent WO_3. The shallow surface and subsurface excavations on the claims indicate that this volume of material has been mined and the 1,000 pounds of tungsten concentrate that was obtained from the last 25 ton ore shipment to the Clair mill indicates a grade of about 2 percent WO_3.

PROPERTY AND OWNERSHIP

The Bright Star No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 unpatented lode mining claims were purchased for $2,000 by the Helen Wisdom - Jack Mani partnership from Messrs. J. Scott and Art Goring of Dyer, Nevada in 1955. Mr. J. W. Wisdom and Mr. Jack Mani relocated the property on October 18, 1955 and recorded the locations at both Independence, Inyo County, California; and Goldfield, Esmeralda County, Nevada.

The partners reside at Pigeon Springs, a camp 11 miles by road east of the mine toward Lida, Esmeralda County, Nevada.

The competency of the applicant is poor. He, and his associates, lack mining experience. They claim to have capital and equipment available for their share of an exploration loan.

DEVELOPMENT

There are only a few shallow exploratory workings and location pits on the claims. Two short adits, one 15 feet and the other 30 feet in length, are the only underground workings. One open cut trench about 20 feet long, 10 feet deep, and from 4 to 5 feet wide is the site of the present mining operations. About a half mile of steep access road was recently constructed. The only other surface improvement is a 5-ton capacity ore bin (fig. 2).

The applicant has expended about $3,000 on road construction work and mining operations.

Equipment owned by the partners include the following:

Item	Condition
1 D-7 Traxcavator	Fair
1 Truck (2-ton, dump) 4 wheel drive	Fair
1 Air Compressor, portable, 105 cfm.	Good
1 Rock drill with steel	Fair
Miscellaneous small tools and scrap mill equipment	Fair

GENERAL GEOLOGY

The Bright Star mine is in an area of high relief on the northwest slope of the Sylvania mountains. The rocks exposed in the vicinity of the mine are chiefly limestone and hornfels of early Paleozoic age. These rocks are part of a north-trending pendant ranging in width from several hundred feet in the vicinity of the mine (fig. 2) to several thousand feet about one mile south of the mine. The pendant is bounded on all sides and is underlain by granodiorite porphyry of Jurassic age.

The limestone in the mine area is light gray to white, finely crystalline, thin bedded, and contains abundant, closely spaced, seams and crystal clusters of light-brown grossularite garnet. Interbedded with the limestone are thin beds of white, fine-grained, limy hornfels. These rocks strike about N 10° E and dip 85° W.

Pods and lenses of garnet-epidote tactite have been formed at and near the contact of the limestone with the underlying granodiorite porphyry and also along a favorable bed within the pendant. The largest of these lenses is 120 feet long and from 10 to 20 feet wide. It is within these tactite bodies that the tungsten deposits occur.

ORE DEPOSITS

The major ore body consists of a thin lens, or lenses, of scheelite-bearing material along the footwall side of a north-striking garnet tactite body (fig. 2). Other ore bodies occur as small pods and lenses of scheelite-bearing tactite at or near the limestone-granodiorite contact. The ore in the major tactite body ranges in width from a few inches to 5 feet and where mined averages about 3 feet. The lens has been exposed by mining for about 20 feet along the strike and 10 feet down the dip. It probably is more or less continuous for the 120 feet strike length of the tactite body and down dip for about 100 feet to where the tactite is inferred to be cut off by granodiorite. Assays of samples taken by the examiners across the scheelite-bearing tactite exposure in the face of the open cut show a tungsten content ranging from 0.16 to 0.65 percent WO_3. Assays of samples taken by the applicants show up to 4 percent WO_3. The grade of the ore shipped, as calculated from the yield of tungsten concentrate produced, indicates a grade of over 2 percent WO_3. Based on these assays and on an examination of the tactite exposures under ultraviolet light the probable average minable grade of the ore is about 1 percent WO_3.

Scheelite, the only tungsten mineral that was seen, is disseminated in the tactite as crystals from 1/16 to 1/2 inch in diameter and, in quartz rich zones, as masses up to several inches across. Much of the scheelite fluoresces yellowish-white under the ultraviolet light, indicative of powellite, but assays show only a trace to 0.02 percent Mo. Gangue minerals are garnet, quartz, epidote, and calcite. Traces of green copper staining were observed along fractures at the granodiorite contact and the operator reports minor amounts (0.05 ounce per ton) of gold and silver in his sample assays.

Scheelite-bearing float occurs in the slope wash below the tactite outcrops on the property and the operator hopes to mill a small tonnage of this material.

Most of the ore that has been produced has been mined from the north end of the major tactite body. About 200 tons of ore from this body is reported by the operators to have averaged over 2 percent WO_3.

SAMPLING

Sample S-426 was taken across a lens of scheelite-bearing tactite exposed in the face of the main open cut trench where mining operations were being conducted.

Sample S-427 was taken from the same trench 8 feet below sample S-426 (fig. 2).

Sample S-428 was taken across the face of a short adit that was driven in copper-stained hornfels by early gold prospectors.

Examination of the tactite outcrops under ultraviolet light indicates that the scheelite content of the tactite is not uniform and that representative samples would be difficult to obtain. The most reliable calculation of grade for a deposit of this type can only be obtained from the actual milling of some of the ore.

Sample No.	Width, ft.	Percent WO_3	Percent Mo	Remarks
S-426	3.0	0.65	0.02	Tactite
S-427	3.0	0.16	0.01	Tactite
S-428	4.0	*0.01	*0.01	Copper-stained hornfels

*less than

ORE RESERVES

There are no measured reserves at the Bright Star mine. Indicated reserves total about 500 tons of ore with an estimated average grade of about 1 percent WO_3. Inferred reserves total about 2,000 tons of ore of the same average grade.

The indicated reserves are concentrated along the footwall (east) side of the main tactite body on the Bright Star No. 3 claim (fig. 2) and extend to a depth of at least 20 feet in one or more thin lenticular ore bodies. Inferred reserves are beneath the indicated reserves and extend to a depth of 100 feet.

The numerous small pods and thin lenses of scheelite-bearing tactite along and near the granodiorite-limestone contact on the Bright Star No. 2 claim may, by careful mining and sorting, yield a small tonnage of ore grade material. A total of about 25 tons of ore with an average grade of about 1 percent WO_3 is inferred for these small bodies.

PROPOSED EXPLORATION

The applicants proposed to drive 200 feet of drift and crosscut in an undetermined location to explore the small tungsten-bearing tactite body on the Bright Star No. 3 claim. The Government's share of the total estimated cost of $15,090 would be $11,317.50.

Although the application did not specify the location of the proposed work, and at the time of the examination the applicants were undecided as to where they wished to place the adit, they obviously wished to drive as much of the drift in ore as possible. To do this would necessitate collaring the adit.

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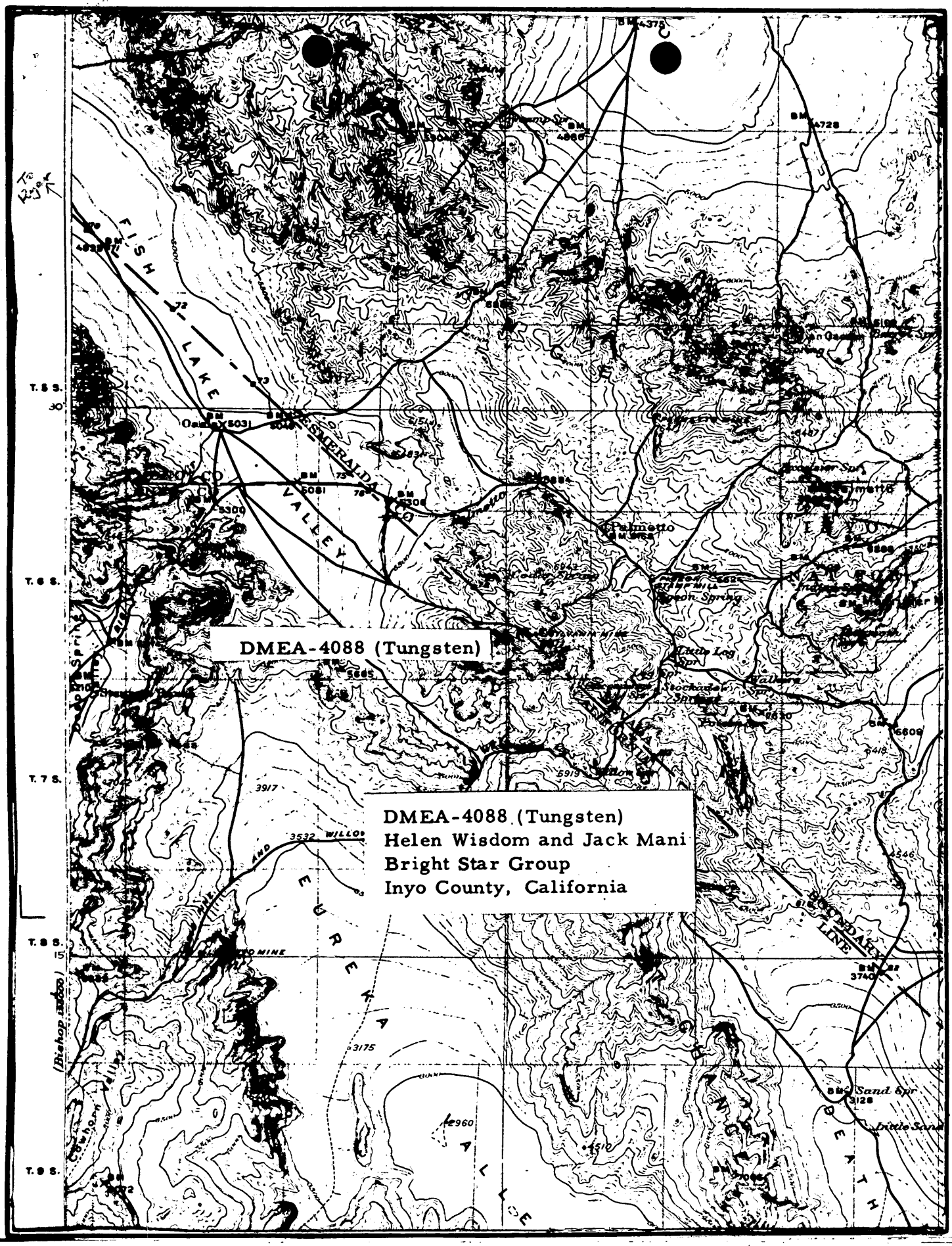
close to the lower end of the outcrop of the tactite body, high on the ridge (fig. 2), and would explore the deposit at a depth below the surface of from 10 to 40 feet.

A better exploration program would be to drill 6 AX diamond drill holes, two from each of three sites spaced about 50 feet apart along the hillside 150 feet west of the tactite body (fig. 2). One of each pair of holes should be drilled flat to intersect the tactite body about 40 feet below the outcrop and the other hole in each pair at an inclination of about -30° to intersect the tactite body about 100 feet below the outcrop.

These holes should be about 200 feet in length and would require a total of 1,200 feet of drilling. At $6.00 per foot, the quoted price for drilling in this district, the total cost would be about $7,200, of which the Government's share would be about $5,400. Although such a program would yield no mined ore to the operators it would explore almost the entire deposit for less than half the estimated cost of driving the proposed 200-foot drift to explore the upper third.



LOCATION MAP CALIFORNIA Figure 1

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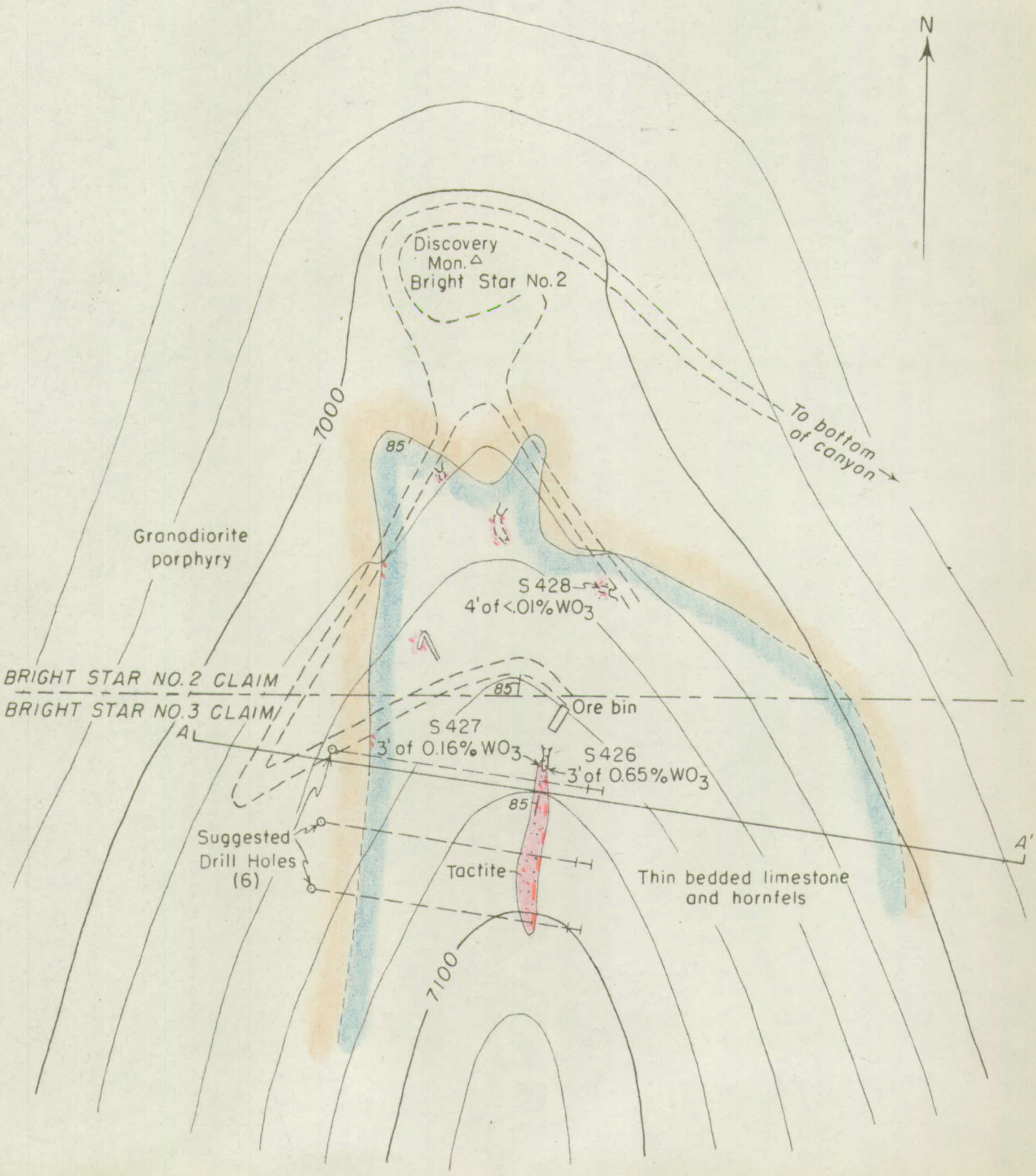
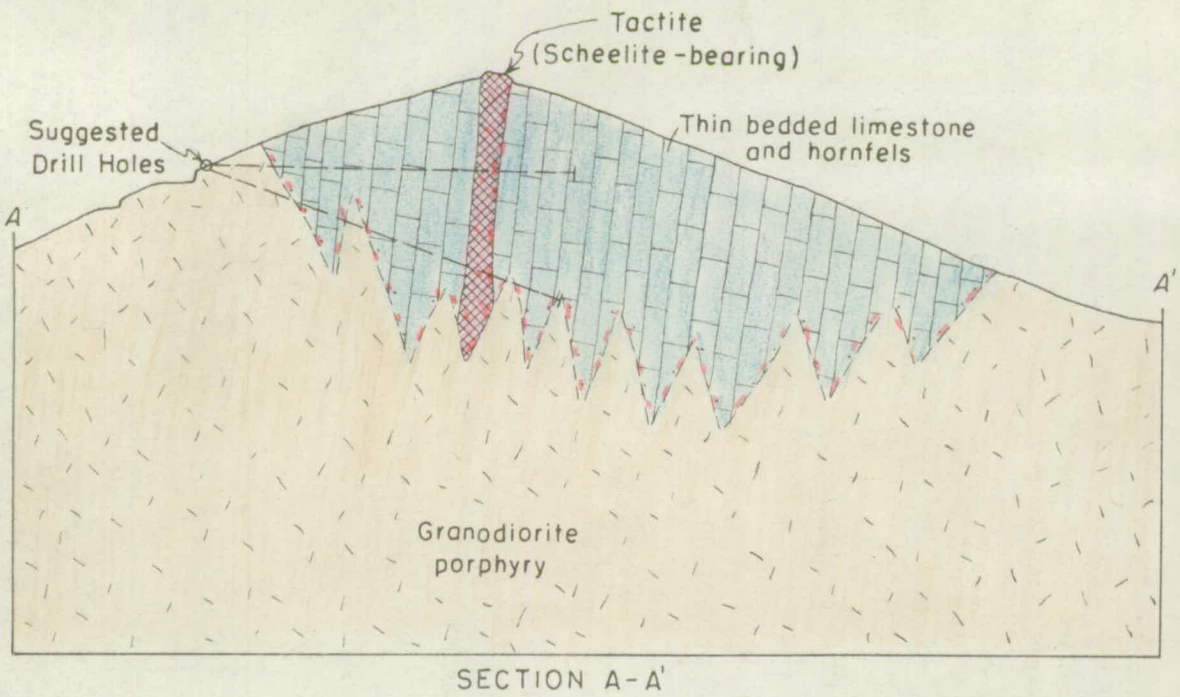


GEOLOGIC SKETCH MAP



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Mr. Jack Mani
Wisdom and Mani Enterprises
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Re: Docket No. DMEA-4088, Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, Nevada

Dear Mr. Mani:

The above-docketed application for exploration assistance for tungsten ores has been reviewed by the Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and is being referred to Mr. Spangler Ricker, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II, 1605 Evans Avenue, Reno, Nevada, for a field examination of the property.

Any assistance that you may give the members of the field team will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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DEC 23 1955

Mr. Spangler Ricker, Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4988, Tungsten
Helen Wisdom and Jack Mani
Bright Star Group
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Ricker:

The above-docketed application for exploration assistance is being referred to your office for a field examination of the property.

Copies of memoranda dated December 12, 1955, and December 16, 1955, by N. N. Nelson, Geological Survey, and R. W. Holliday, Bureau of Mines, respectively, relating to the project, are enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (JHB)

Approved:

/s/ Robert W. Geehan (JHB)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (JHB)
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 16, 1955

Memorandum

To: Chief, Iron & Ferroalloys Division-DMEA
Through: Acting Chief, Branch of Ferrous Metals & Ferroalloys

From: Commodity Specialist-Tungsten

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4088
Bright Star Claims
Inyo County, California
Jack Mani, Helen Wisdom
$15,090.00-Tungsten

Although the application states that "There are a dozen test holes on 4 sides of the mountain .....," I have found no record of previous work on these claims.

It is recommended that a field referral be made in order to verify some of the statements in the application and also to obtain a more definite statement of the objectives.

R. W. Holliday

Copy to: Mr. Holliday
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Bright Star Group
Inyo Co., Calif.
$15,090.00 - Tungsten

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Memorandum

To: W. S. Martin, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of application.

The applicants request aid in developing their mine by drifting 200 feet at a cost of $5,000, supervision $5,500.00, "Cat" rental $1,900.00, buildings, etc. $1,650.00, and rental of compressor and truck $1,040.00.

The shipment of about 50 tons at 3.7% WO_3 supports the assertion that the applicants have "pay dirt" to work on.

Referral to the Field Team is indicated and so recommended.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

December 8, 1955
Subject: DMEA-4088
Re: Exploration Assistance
Bright Star

Mr. Jack Mani
Dyer, Nevada

My dear Mr. Mani:

The receipt of your application dated December 1, 1955, for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4088 and referred to the Iron & Ferro-Alloys Division.

Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adams, Chief
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

December 8, 1955

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: Chief, Operation's Control and Statistics Division

Subject: Assignment of Docket Number

There is listed below the assigned docket number to an application recently received from Region II.

DMEA - 4088 Jack Mani & Helen Wisdom

Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division