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- [ ] Royalty Audits
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- [ ] Contract with all exhibits and annexes
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- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
- [ ] Final Field Team Report (Tab)
- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
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- [ ] Operator's monthly reports and all attachments
- [x] On-site Exam Report (Tab)
- [ ] Settlement Sheets
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- [ ] Project Summary (Interim) by DMEA Engineers

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

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

December 3, 1957

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Memorandum

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

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

Subject: Loan Application (Pitcheblende - Uranium)
Walter E. Michaels
WEMichaels' Products
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, Calif.

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

Roscoe M. Smith
Acting Executive Officer

Attachments

BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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WEMICHAEL DUGAN

SENT REPLY HERE
Nov. 1, '57

D M E A
1605 Evans Ave.
Reno, Nevada

Dear Sirs-

Enclosed are four sets of an application for an "Exploration Project".

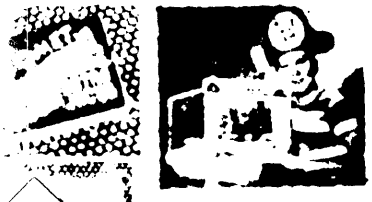
I have not obtained mining leases from the other claim holders because I think that it might be cruel to cause these persons to believe that they will have their claims explored, when we may not have a chance to get the project, and I would have to go into a nice legal fee for the drawing-up of the contracts for the leases. And I think that these persons are somewhat afraid to sign over such authority.

So, I would like to make an initial determination for my chances to get this project.

...with Cheers,

WEM-mw

Walter E. Lessels



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Form MF-103
Revised Feb. 1957

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.3
Approval expires June 30, 1958

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT

PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER I, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

NAME OF APPLICANT (Full legal name and mailing address as it should appear on contract if one is executed)

WALTER E. MICHAELS
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
LosAngeles 28, Calif.

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APPLICANT NOT TO USE THIS BLOCK

Docket Number: DMEA-4891
Date Received: 12-5-57
Government Participation %:
Region: II
Division Code: 700

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION (Check one)

- Individual [X]
- Corporation [ ]
- Partnership [ ]
- Other (Specify) [ ]

State in which firm is organized:

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

Name	Address	Title
WEMICHAELS'PRODUCTS	5880 Hollywood Blvd. LosAngeles 28, Calif.	
Walter E. Michaels, sole owner		

Mineral(s) for which you wish to explore: PITCHBLENDE(Uranium)

Estimated Cost of Project: $1,085,000.00

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Name	County	State
WEM #3 Claim,	SanBernardino County,	Calif.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read DMEA Order-I, Amended, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects." To assure prompt action, your application must provide all applicable material and information specified on the back of this application form. Avoid unnecessary correspondence and delays by submitting complete and accurate information. *Please submit four copies of this application and all accompanying papers* except as otherwise noted. Place your name and address on each sheet. Each item of information, maps, and reports required as a part of this application is described on the back of this form. Identify each attached statement by the item number to which it applies. If an item does not apply to your application, show the item number on your statement and after it write "not applicable." Maps or sketches should be used to supplement narrative descriptions of the property location and boundaries in item 1, existing mine workings and geology in item 2, and the proposed exploration project in item 4. When this information is not too complex, all of it may be shown on one map or sketch. All documents and other attachments submitted as a part of this application, except those in item 2(g) which you mark to be returned, become the property of the Government and will not be returned to the applicant. Send true copies, *not originals*, of leases, contracts, and other documents which are an essential part of your business records. *File this application with the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest DMEA Field Office.*

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.

November 9, 1957
Dated

Walter E. Michaels
BY *(Signature)*

Title

A wilfully false statement or certification to any Department or Agency of the United States Government is a criminal offense. U. S. Code. Title 18. Sec. 1001.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. *Applicant's Property Rights:*

(a) State the legal description (section, township, and range; metes and bounds; patent number of claims) of the land upon which you wish to explore and all land adjacent to the proposed project area which you own or control. Describe any part of the project land or workings which should not be subject to Government lien for royalty payments. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state the book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and the place where recorded (courthouse, recorder's office, county, and state).

(b) State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise. If you are not the owner, submit with this application one exact copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property.

(d) Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the property.

2. *Physical Description:*

(a) Describe in detail and illustrate with maps or sketches all mining or exploration operations which you know have been or are being conducted upon the lands, including existing mine workings. Describe all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations stated in 2*(a)*.

(c) State, as far as you know, the past and current production, supporting your statement with copies of settlement sheets, mine records, or published data if available.

(d) Describe known ore reserves on the property giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used, supporting your statement with copies of assay certificates and assay maps if available.

(e) Describe by narrative and maps or sketches the geologic features of the property, including ore minerals, geologic formations if known, and type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.).

(f) State your reasons for expecting to find ore, and if you have sampled the area you propose to explore, show where the samples were taken, describe sampling methods used, and provide copies of assay certificates.

(g) Send with your application at least *two* copies of all geologic or engineering reports, assay maps, or technologic information which you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

3. *Accessibility of Project:*

(a) To aid DMEA representatives who may be required to examine the property, state the name and address of the person who will meet the DMEA representative; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of the property including the mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and places where employees reside and state the distances between them and the property.

4. *The Exploration Project:*

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration project giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and longitudinal and cross sections as necessary. Show the location of the proposed work as related to geologic features such as veins, ore-bearing beds, contacts of rock formations, etc. Show also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *property boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

(b) If an access road to the project must be built, show the location on the property map and state the length, type, and construction methods proposed.

(c) In the event that an exploration contract with DMEA is executed, how soon will the work start and how many months will be required to complete it? State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

5. *Experience:*

State your operating experience and background with relation to your ability to carry out this exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of Costs:*

Furnish detailed estimates of the costs *for each item of the work proposed in 4(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the project. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be shown separately under category *(a)* below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be given in detail under categories *(b)* through *(g)*.

(a) Independent contracts. State the cost of any proposed independent contract for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in units of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved. Cost estimates should be supported by bids from three contractors if possible. *(Note* – If none of the work is to be contracted, write "none" after this item.)

(b) Personal services. For necessary supervision, engineering and geological services, and labor, include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes, rates of wages, salaries or fees, and periods of employment. State whether these technicians and employees are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies with their cost. Include under this heading power, water, and fuel, and units of equipment and tools costing less than $50 each.

(d) Operating equipment. List items of operating equipment to be used giving specifications and indicating how each item is to be acquired – i.e., rented, purchased, or provided by the applicant. If it is rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If it is to be furnished by the applicant, give its present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of necessary *initial* rehabilitation or repair of existing buildings, fixtures, installations (exclusive of mine workings), and movable operating equipment now owned by the applicant, which will be used on the exploration project.

(f) New buildings, fixtures, installations. Describe each building, fixed improvement, and installation to be purchased, constructed, or installed for the exploration project stating specifications and cost including labor, materials and supervision.

(g) Miscellaneous. For the operating equipment listed in 6*(d)*, describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance expected during project operations. Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 6*(e)*. Show also the costs of analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employees' liability insurance, payroll taxes, and other required costs that do not fall within the previous categories.

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)* State whether you are prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation stated in Sec. 7 of DMEA Order–I, Amended.

(b) Explain to what extent you propose to furnish your share of the costs by providing money, by use of equipment owned by you, or otherwise.

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INT.-DUP. SEC., WASH., D.C. 15539

WALTER E. MICHAELS, 1764 N. Orange Dr. LosAngeles 28, Calif.

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1a. WEM #3 Claim, Book 403, Page 585. STANBEE Claim, Book 404, Page 214. BABY DOLL Claim, Book 405, Page 451. LUCKY BABE Claim, Book 401, Page 217.

b. WEM #3- Walter E. Michaels, 5880 Hollywood Blvd. LosAngeles 28, Calif.
STANBEE- Stanley Braun, 1355 Westwood Blvd.(Rm.209), LosAngeles 24, Calif.
BABY DOLL- Phyllis Wazlo, 615 Virgil Ave. LosAngeles, Calif.
LUCKY BABE- Francis Michaels, 6618 S. Paulina St. Chicago, Ill.

c. I own the WEM #3 Claim. The other said claims I cam control with a mining lease, if we stand a chance to get this "Exploration Project".

d. None

2a. None, b. None, c. None, d. None.

e. The said claims are located in a volcanic basin, that formerly was this area's center of volcanic eruptive activity. I am expecting great deposits of PITCHBLENDE to be about 200-300 feet below the surface in the form of 50 foot diameter pods and wide veine.

f. The sampling of float was done along the south end of the WEM #3 from upcropping of ignecious rock. Said sampling was assayed per 2 enclosed assay reports.

g. Two copies of assay reports, maps, ect. are enclosed.

3a. The DMEA representative should contact Walter E.Michaels, 1764 N. Orange Dr. LosAngeles Calif. The said claims are located in the "Summit Diggings" area of SanBernardino County, California, which area is marked standard County maps and is accessible by roads.

b. The rail shipping and receiving point is Searl's Station, about 4-5 miles away. Supply point and employee residents could be Johannesburg and Randsburg, about 5-6 miles away.

4a. The proposed exploration is clearly shown on enclosed map. The shafts will be 5'x7', with manway and 6"x8" wall plates 5'OC. The drifts will be about 4'x5', timbered where necessary. The only mining adjacent to this project was a transverse section of the easterly hill shown on map, at the south end of the Baby Doll claim. Also a shaft was made a few years ago in the middle area of the basin and about ½ mile easterly of project.

b. No access road need be built. I am willing to maintain present road and extend the road for a shrotcut to closeby paved highway(Randsburg-Troa Rd.).

c. I expect the project operations to begin in 60-90 days from the contract date. I estimate rate of shafting to be about 10'/day, and the drifting to progress about 25-30 feet/day. I expect this Exploration Project to take almost 2 years for completion.

5 I am a Mechanical,Aeronautical,Industrial Engineer with a modicum of geological field knowledge and experience, and experience in interstate marketing of the inventions of WEMicheals'Products. With the aid of consulting geologists and minig engineers, I expect to be able to successfully compete your project contract. Also, I intend to employ an experienced independant mining contractor to carry out the minig of the project. Finding ore bodies by discovering exposed veins has played out- most every square foot of mineral bearing land has been well explored. My purpose for this project is not only to mine strategic minerals, but also to establish the practicalness of a geological theory, which I have conceived, for pinpointing primary deposits of minerals in the Southwestern States. I make demand that this theory remain my property unless and until the Government assist in the development of my geological theory with this project. The desirability for the establishment of this theory is enhanced by the letter that I personally sought, in Sacramento, from the State of California Department of Mines, whci is appended hereto. I also believe that the Mining Departments of the otherSouth-western States would be ready to give approval of the desirability of proving out my

theory. My 3 years of propecting and playing "Geiger Guy" indicates that the Uranium potential of California is good, but its underground and private capital will not take the risk of revealing the desirable and necessary ore. My inquiries indicate that too few Government "Exploration Projects" have been let in California, with none in San Bernardino County. THEREFORE, I urge the DMEA to find a cause to let this proposed "Project".

6,a-g. I have consulted with several mining engineering firms and several independent mining contractors, and have been shown mining expense brochures of 9-11 pages. I have also studied the costs for this question and the costs of your DMEA Program booklet, and I want to bid $155.00/foot of shafts and drifts, according to contract form MF-200A. I understand that the Government is to reemburse me to 75% of this $155.00/foot cost. I estimate that the total cost of this Project to $1,085,000.00. All of the mining of this Project will be done by independent contractor.

7a. I estimate that I can prepare myself to furnish my share(25%)of the cost of this proposed project.

b. As to the"or otherwise" of this question, I refer to question 5- Ippint out that there I am proposing to do worthy geological service for the Government, and so I think that the Government should advance me $50,000.00, so that I do not have to finance the project myself for almost 3 months before I can get some monies in hand.

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5176 Hollywood Blvd. ◆ Hollywood 27, California

August 19,1957

Submitted by Mr.W.E.Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles,27,Calif.

Received August 13,1957

Number	Marked	Ozs.. per ton Gold	Ozs.. per ton Silver	Value per ton	Percentage Copper	Percentage Lead	Percentage Zinc
8306	Baby Doll				Uranium (U_3O_8)		00.04 %
					Thorium-not detected less than		00.10

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3307	Stanbee				Uranium (U_3O_8) 00.02%		
					Thorium,not detected less than 00.10		

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SACRAMENTO 14

August 8, 1957

Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd
Los Angeles 28, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

This letter is in response to your letter of August 6, 1957, to the Director of Natural Resources.

While we do not know the details of your geologic theory on the location of ore bodies through the detailed study of the terrain, it is obvious that if such a method of terrain study did result in accurate location of ore bodies the mining industry of the United States would be materially benefited.

Very truly yours

DeWitt Nelson, Director

By: Edward F. Dolder
Edward F. Dolder
Deputy Director

We certify this is a true
copy of the original, as copied
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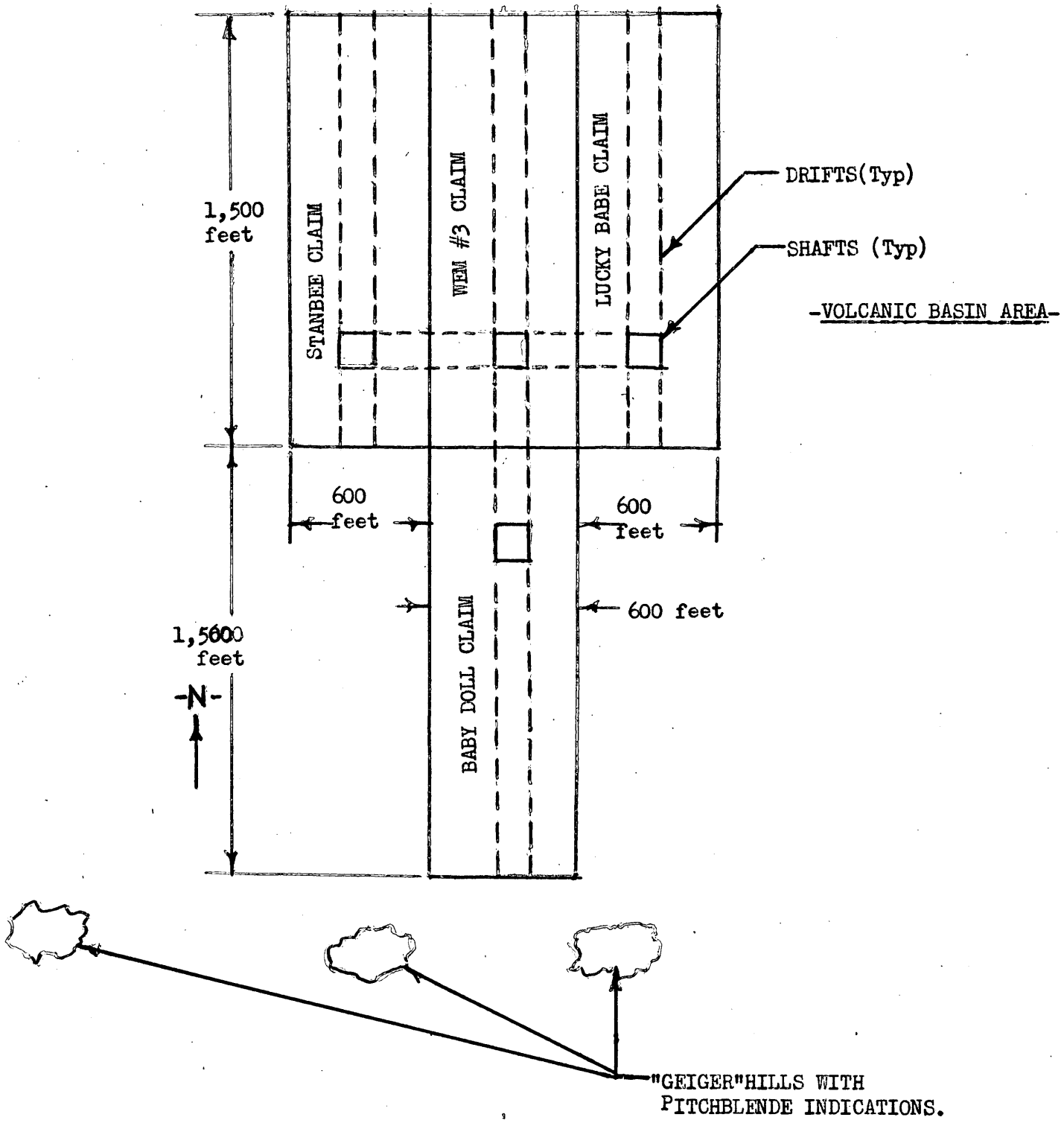
WALTER E. MICHAELS, 1764 N.Orange Dr. LosAngeles 28, Calif.



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Docket

March 28, 1958

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Summary of Proposed Project

Object: Denial of application for an exploration project.

Docket No.: DMEA-4891

Commodity: Uranium

Applicant: Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Property: WEM No. 3 claim in sec. 31, T. 28 S., R. 41 E., M.D.B.&M., San Bernardino County, California. Applicant claims ownership but no location, development or assessment work has been done. Applicant plans to secure lease on 3 other claims on which work is planned.

Date of Application: November 9, 1957

Amount of Application: $1,085,000.00

Referred to Region II: January 23, 1958

Field Examination made: March 6, 1958

Field Team Report recd: March 19, 1958

Work Proposed: Not explicit. Appears to include about 7,200 feet of 4' x 5' drifting and 1,000 feet of 5' x 7' shaft sinking at a total cost of $1,085,000.00. Applicant mentions a unit cost of $155 per foot for both shafts and drifts.

Field Team Report: March 14, 1958, G.G. Gentry, USBM, and H. K. Stager, USGS:

The application did not justify a field examination, but, since the examiners were in the area, on other DMEA business, an examination was made on March 6, 1958.

All exposures in the claim area were carefully checked with a Geiger counter and a scintillator. The background radioactivity was about 0.01 MR/HR and the highest radioactivity recorded on the property was 0.02 MR/HR. Four samples of radioactive material were taken. They assayed a trace of eU_3O_8.

The claim is in an area underlain by flows, agglomerates and tuffs of the Red Mountain andesite of probable Pliocene age. Much of the claim is covered by slope wash derived from the volcanic rocks. Many of the area rocks are covered by a surface coating of black oxides of manganese and iron. Rarely these coatings are slightly radioactive. Applicant believes that they are remains of pitchblends veins from which all but the color has been removed by weathering and that large pods and veins of pitchblende can be found at depth.

It is concluded that there is no uranium-bearing material exposed on the property, that none can be inferred, and that there are no targets that warrant exploration. It is recommended that the application be denied.

Commodity Group Comments:

USBM, James Paone, March 25, 1958:

Agrees with the Field Team and advises denial of the application.

USGS, N. E. Nelson, March 25, 1958:

Concurs with the Field Team recommendation for denial.

Div. of Rare & Miscellaneous Metals, Michael Ching, March 28, 1958:

The Applicant does not have any basis for his application and does not appear to possess the proper background for carrying out an exploration project.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The potential of this property is practically nil. It is recommended that the application be denied.

Ernest Wm. Ellis

Ernest Wm. Ellis, Director
Division of Rare and
Miscellaneous Metals

I-58-1107.20

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles 28, California

JAN 26 1959

Dear Mr. Michaels:

In your letter of January 10, 1959, addressed to the Department, you inquired as to: (1) whether all rights of administrative appeal have been exhausted; (2) a compromise on the cost per foot of the proposed exploration work; and (3) a compromise settlement of your alleged claim for $771,250.00.

Answering the inquiries in the normal order:

(1) It is the opinion of this office that you have exhausted all rights of administrative appeal.

(2) The Department cannot compromise on the costs of the proposed project since on the basis of a field examination conducted by its engineers it has concluded that there are no significant amounts of uranium-bearing material exposed on the property, none can be inferred from the geological conditions prevailing, and no specific targets exist that warrant exploration.

(3) This Department's lack of authority to settle your claim has been explained in prior correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Fritz

DEPUTY Solicitor

RWLong/hm 1/21/59
cc: Sol. Docket
OME
Mr. Dwyer
Mr. Long

Infd. T.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

NOV 7 - 1958

Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

This replies to your letter of October 24, 1958.

The Government's position with respect to your alleged claim has been set forth in prior correspondence.

Accordingly, the prolongation of correspondence on this matter serves no purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund J. Fritz

DEPUTY Solicitor

Copy to: Associate Solicitor, Division of Mineral Resources
Director, Office of Minerals Exploration

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INTERIOR DEPT.

OCT 29 1958

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U.S.dept.of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
Washington 25, D C

Cheers-

RE: I-58-1107.20 of Sept.26,'58

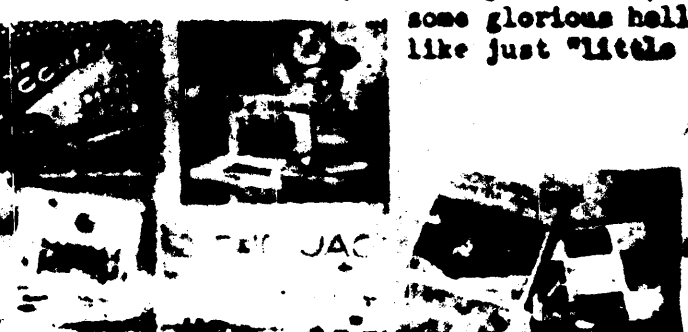
The Claim at issue is not a matter of tort, but of "Due Process" which goes to the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution. I reiterate, the aforesaid Department has not followed the intent of the People to explore for strategic minerals.

For your edification, when one or several of the People present a "claim" to the said United States and/or one of its Instrumentalities, it is the duty, via your compact with the said Constitution, to ...
Settle the claim
Refuse to allow the claim (I think that the grounds for the disallowance should be stated)

This will establish a controversy, which will allow the agreeved party recourse to a legal action to obtain RELIEF, which is now a RIGHT via the Federal statutes for Rule 6 of the Ninth Circuit Courts.

If you decide to do a court battle, I want you to realize the peril with which decide such a move. We have discovered that too many of your refusals to explore were predicated upon a clerical desire to have a "clean slate" upon the advice of the IMEA. That you have refused exploration of Tungsten with the excuse that an access road had to be built; yet you have built a great number of miles of road on Indian Reservations, which is technically Government Land, to facilitate the exploration of indifferent Tungsten discoveries: all to the spending of too much of the Peoples money upon and for the benefit of the United States(a Body Politic). One of your objections to the project at issue was the cost per foot of the mining; I have proposed to the IMEA to attempt to obtain a lower contract bid, but the IMEA failed to respond. Therefore, you have made no effort to reduce the cost or magnitude of the Project, and so make it more financially practical from your viewpoint. So, if you decide on a court battle, I am going to do some glorious hellraising that will make those "vicuna deals" seem like just "little stinkers".

...with Cheers,



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Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5000 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

In your letter addressed to this Department dated September 11, 1958 you state that your claim is directed against this Department. In previous correspondence you have indicated that the claim of damages in the amount of $1,085,000 is based on the negligent and arbitrary refusal of this Department to explore a likely prospect of pitchblende.

The Federal Tort Claims Act of 1946 (28 U.S.C., sec. 2671, et seq.) subjects the United States to liability for loss of property caused by the negligence or misconduct of a federal employee acting in the course of his employment. Such tort claims not in excess of $1,000 may be determined by this Department, but, if your claim exceeds the statutory limit, I suggest that it cannot be determined administratively (28 U.S.C., sec. 2672). Tort claims against the Government for amounts in excess of $1,000 may be asserted in the courts (28 U.S.C., sec. 1346b).

You may deem it advisable to consult counsel as to the merits of your claim, whether the Federal Tort Claims Act is applicable and whether it is excluded by one or more exceptions in the law.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund J. Fritz

ACTING Solicitor

Copy to: Associate Solicitor, Division of Mineral Resources
Administrator, BMEA

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Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles 28, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

Your purported "Claim of Damages", dated August 23, 1958, in the amount of $1,085,000 has been received.

In our letter of July 25, 1958, we again stated the position of this office with respect to your application. The Defense Minerals Exploration Administration has never had the authority to consider and settle claims for damages. Consequently, we are unable to be of further service to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw)

Administrator

RWLong/hm 9/3/58
cc: Administrator's reading file
T. M. Kiilsgaard, Rm. 5224
DMEA Field Team, Reg. II (2) w/2cc "Claim of Damages" 8/23/58
Operating Committee
Mr. Ching
Mr. Long

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5880 HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
Los Angeles 28, Calif.

August 23, 1958

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

-CLAIM OF DAMAGES-

Claimant-RE: DMEA-4891(Uranium)
WALTER E. MICHAELS
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
LosAngeles 28, Calif.

Damages- $1,085,000.00

For the aforesaid Project of Strategic Minerals, the United States Department of the Interior, an instrumentality of the United States, a body politic, did negligently and arnitrarily refuse to follow the intent of the People of the United States of America, to explore a likely prospect of PITCHBLEND, a Strategic Material and Mineral of value in the defense of the said Country; to the Claimant's damage of $1,085,000.00.

Walter E. Michaels

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Aug. 15, 1958

Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
WEMichaels' Products
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

We do not understand your letter of August 9, 1958 relating to "Damage Claim" forms. As far as we are concerned, the letter from our Administrator dated July 25, 1958 closes our correspondence on referenced subject. We are in complete agreement with Mr. Mittendorf's letter and believe that you should have no complaint whatsoever in regard to DMEA policy.

Perhaps the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the U. S. Department of Justice can help you in obtaining the type of forms you have in mind. The address of these two agencies is Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

S. Ricker
Executive Officer,
DMEA Field Team, Region II

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cc: Opr. Com., DMEA, Wash., D.C. (2)
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1606 Evans Ave.
Reno, Nev.

Dear Sirs-

Will you please send me a set of "Change Claim" forms.

[illegible] Chief,

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[illegible] Walter E. Michaels

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JUL 25 1958

Mr. Walter Michaels
5880 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles 28, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

With reference to your letter of July 18, we are enclosing a copy of an information release, dated June 6, 1958. You will note that no new contracts can be approved after midnight, June 30, 1958.

We have reviewed our file on your application and find that no inducement whatsoever was offered you to incur expenditures. On the contrary, our letter of March 31, 1958, denied your application because the project was not sufficiently promising to justify expenditure of Government funds. Our letter of May 15, 1958, reiterated this position and also stated that if you wished to do preliminary work to establish a worthwhile exploration target, the cost would be "for your own account", since the Government does not participate in such preliminary work.

Your application received careful consideration, and DMEA rules and regulations were observed in making the final decision. Naturally, not all applications resulted in exploration contracts. Yours, like many others, simply lacked sufficient merit to justify the expenditure of public funds.

A copy of a booklet further explaining the DMEA program is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

Enclosures

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cc: Mr. Ching
Admr. reading file

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Los Angeles 28, California

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Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

With reference to your letter of July 18, we are enclosing a copy of an information release, dated June 6, 1958, which you may find of interest. You will note that the old DMEA program was terminated, effective midnight, June 30.

Regarding the exploration of your property under the old program, we were in no way responsible for any expenditures on your part since no contract was entered into between us. You will recall that on May 15, we wrote you that if you wished to qualify for an exploration project by establishing a worthwhile exploration target the cost would be for your own account since we did not participate in such preliminary work.

Please rest assured that your application received equal consideration with that of others. All DMEA rules and regulations were observed in making the final decision. Naturally, not all applications result in exploration contracts. Yours, like many others, simply lacked sufficient merit to justify the expenditure of public funds.

Sincerely yours,

Administrator

Enclosure:
MChing/izm 7-23-58
cc: Mr. Ching
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U.S.Dept.of the Interior
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Washington 25, D C

RE: Docket #4891-U

Dear Sirs-

I would like to study the duties laid down by the People in the formation of the DMEA. I believe that it's wrongful of you to induce me to the great expense of exploring my PITCHBLEND prospect, to the pint where I am mining and so not ell-igible for a DMEA contract. I believe that a $3,000,000.00 suit to force you to carry out the due process duties of the People may be to my advantage and to that of my country, the U.S.A.

I imagine that you have some pamphlets on the DMEA Act, so that I may determine the duties laiddown by the People for the DMEA. So, please send me one.

Incidently, we have perfomed the Assessment Work on the block of claims, and I have bought and now control the Stan Bee Claim.

...with Cheers,

Walter E.Michaels

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MAY 15 1958

Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

This will reply to your letter of May 8, requesting a copy of the report of our field examiners on the subject property. We regret that we cannot satisfy your request as such reports are for the use of the Government only.

However, our denial of your application was based primarily upon the fact that there are no significant amounts of uranium-bearing material exposed on the property, none can be inferred from the geological conditions prevailing, and no specific targets exist that warrant exploration. In short, the geologic probability of making a significant discovery on the property by an exploration project is not promising.

If you believe that the property has good possibilities you may wish to do sufficient preliminary work, for your own account, to establish an exploration target that would have good prospects for significant ore deposits. We do not participate in such preliminary work as we consider it prospecting.

We trust that this letter will be of some help to you in understanding the Government's position.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

MChing/gla 5-14-58
cc to: Admr.'s Reading File
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Mr. Ching
DMEA Field Team, Region II, w/2cc Mr. Michaels' letter

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U.S.Dept.of the Interior
DMEA
Washington 25, D C

Dear Sirs-

RE:DMEA-4891, WEM #3 Claim(Uranium)

Dont count me out yet. I would like to have a copy of the report of the field team upon which you based your decision. I am willing to pay reasonable photo-copy costs. I have just discovered that the California Division of Mines has very meager knowledge of the geology of the area in which is,situated my block of four calims, and that the field team spent only one good day before the blizzard day on which I accompanied them. That on the good day they made only a cursory survey which included a quick glance at an old dolomite shaft. And on the blizzard day, the team only picked up float on the surface debri and picked off a few samples from the rocky obtrusion formation.

Now it is my assay contention that no worthwhile minerals exist in the rocky obtrusion formation, except signs of PITCHBLEND, but no Uranium.It is not my intention to mine the surface rock or any placer deposits, but to down into the bedrock where I expect to discover lenses and pods with connecting stringers of PITCHBLEND.

You have been complaining about the cost of this project, so, with this Sputnik Recession hanging on, I am going to beat some of my contractors over the head and try reduce the cost/foot of this,project. I may also propose a less extensive project that may consist of a 5oo foot shatf and extensive core-drilling.

Incidently, ifIhave to go after all of this PITCHBLEND with all of my own money, I'm going to sell the PITCHBLEND to the highest bidder, which might be Mesorussia. Its my legal contention, that by refusing to partcipate in the risks, the Government losses its alleged mineral rights to this strategic PITCHBLEND.

...with Cheers,

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Walter E.Michaels

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MAR 31 1958

Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Re: Docket No. DMLA-4891 (Uranium)
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

Your application for aid in an exploration project and other information available to us in Washington concerning the above-named property have been 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 all our information indicates that the probability of disclosing significant ore reserves is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you that, under these circumstances, your application for exploration assistance is denied.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Administrator

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cc: Mr. Ching
Admr.'s Reading File
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March 25, 1958
Re: DMEA 4891
WEM No. 3 Claim
Walter E. Michaels
San Bernardino Co., Calif.
$1,085,000 - Uranium

Memorandum

To: E. W. Ellis, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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

Subject: Review of Field Team Report

The applicant requested assistance in prospecting for great deposits of pitchblende in the form of 50-foot diameter pods and wide veins.

The examiners were unable to find any material that gave readings exceeding 0.02 MR/HR. The weak readings are associated with black manganiferous coatings and there is no reason for thinking better material exists at depth.

The examiners and Field Team recommend that the application be denied. I concur with the recommendation.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

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Department of the Interior
Bureau of Mines
Washington 25, D. C.

Date March 25, 1958

DMEA Report No. 4891
DMEA Contract No.
Operated by Uranium
Name of Applicant Walter E. Michaels
Name of Property WEM No. 3 Claim
Location of Property San Bernardino County, Calif.
Estimated cost of Project

Recommendation ✓

To: Ernest William Ellis, DMEA Member
Uranium Commodity Committee

From: James Paone, Bureau of Mines Member
Uranium Commodity Committee

Subject: Review of Field Team Report
(Applicant, Field Team Report, etc.)

1. Date of subject document: 3/17/58 2. Date received by reviewer 3/24/58

3. Prior reports on this property known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [ ]

4. Prior reports on nearby properties known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [ ]

5. Information available on past production: Yes [ ] No [ ]

6. Other pertinent factors known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [ ]

7. Explain items marked yes above:

8. Factors needing special consideration:
   a. Location [ ]
   b. Ownership [ ]
   c. Evidence of mineralization [ ]
   d. Geology [ ]
   e. Proposed exploration method [ ]
   f. Alternate exploration method [ ]
   g. Costs [ ]
   h. _____ [ ]

9. Action advised:
   a. Obtain information from applicant [ ]
   b. Refer to Field Team [ ]
   c. Denial [x]
   d. Agree with Field Team [x]
   e. Disagree with Field Team [ ]
   f. Suggest alternate plan [ ]
   g. Request another examination [ ]
   h. Approval [ ]
   i. Consult with Mr. _____ at _____ AC-[illegible]

10. Remarks: (Use back of page if necessary)

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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-4891 (Uranium)
Walter E. Michaels
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California
(Your letter, January 23, 1958)

Enclosed are three copies of a report by G. G. Gentry, Bureau of Mines, and H. K. Stager, Geological Survey, on subject property.

Roscoe Smith and I concur in the recommendation that the application for DMEA exploration aid be denied.

S. Ricker

Attachments

ON-SITE EXAM

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DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM
REGION II

APPLICATION REPORT

DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
Mr. Walter E. Michaels
WEM No. 3 claim
San Bernardino County, California

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
3-24-58
(date)

by

G. G. Gentry
U. S. Bureau of Mines

H. K. Stager
U. S. Geological Survey

March 14, 1958

Mr. Walter E. Michaels, 5880 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 28, California, applied to the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, docket DMEA-4891, for Government assistance in a $1,085,000 program to prospect for uranium on the WEM No. 3 claim, San Bernardino County, California.

A review of the application, and a field examination if necessary, was requested by the Operating Committee. The application did not justify a field examination but inasmuch as DMEA personnel were in the area on other DMEA business a field examination was scheduled and was made on March 6, 1958. The examination was made by Glenn G. Gentry, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and H. K. Stager, U. S. Geological Survey, accompanied by the applicant.

All of the exposures in the claim area were carefully examined using a Detectron, model DG-2, geiger counter and a Precision, model 111, scintillation counter. The background radioactivity was about 0.01 MR/HR and the highest radioactivity recorded on the property was about 0.02 MR/HR. Four samples of slightly radioactive material were taken. These samples assayed a trace of eU_3O_8.

The Atomic Energy Commission office in Salt Lake City, Utah, was informed of the application and asked to supply any

information in their files regarding the property. Inasmuch as none of their personnel had visited the property they were unable to supply any additional information.

The geology of the Randsburg quadrangle, that includes the WEM No. 3 claim area, was studied and mapped by Hulin in 1923[1/].

1/ Hulin, Carlton, D., 1925, Geology and Ore Deposits of the Randsburg Quadrangle, California; Calif. Div. Mines Bull. No. 95.

There is no uranium-bearing material exposed on the property and none can be inferred. There are no targets that warrant exploration. It is recommended that the application be denied.

The WEM No. 3 claim is in sec. 31, T. 28 S., R. 41 E., M.D.B.&M., San Bernardino County, California (fig. 1), on the south side of the Summit range at an altitude of about 3,500 feet. The claim is not properly marked and no location, development, or assessment work has been done. Mr. Michaels stated that he would do the location and assessment work if a DMEA contract is granted. There has been no uranium production from the property or the district.

The claim is in an area underlain by flows, agglomerates, and tuffs of the Red Mountain andesite of probably Pliocene age. About one-half mile west and north of the claim along the south side of the northeast-trending Garlock fault, small volcanic plugs and thin flows of basalt of probable Pleistocene age intrude and overly the andesite.

Much of the claim area is covered by slope wash derived from the volcanic rocks. Flow banding in the andesite that crops out on the WEM No. 3 claim strikes about N.20°W. and dips about 80°E. Many of the rocks in the area are covered by a surface coating of black oxides of manganese and iron (desert varnish). Rarely these coatings are slightly radioactive, although none exceeds 0.02 MR/HR or about twice the background count. Mr. Michaels firmly believes that these black oxide coatings are the remains of pitchblende veins from which all but the color has been removed by weathering and that by sinking a shaft several hundred feet into the unweathered andesite he will be able to find large pods and veins of pitchblende.

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DMEA-4891
(Uranium)

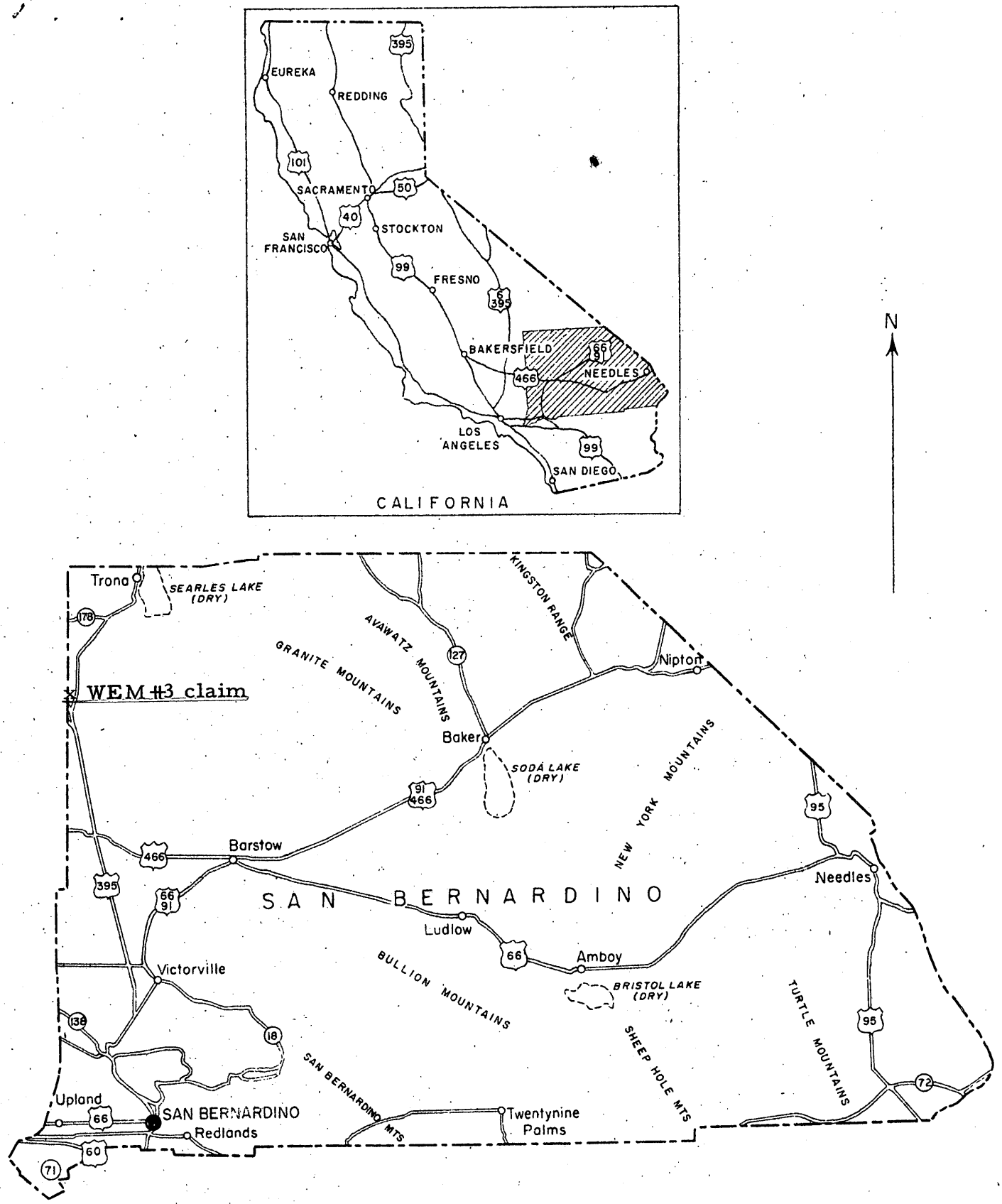

Figure I. INDEX MAP OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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JAN 23 1958

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

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
Walter E. Michaels
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Ricker:

The subject application is being referred to you for further review, investigation, and recommendations.

Enclosed for your information are memoranda, dated December 10, 1957, and January 14, 1958, by James Paone, USBM, and N. E. Nelson, USGS, respectively, relating to the application. Also enclosed, for the use of the Field Team, are a copy of the original application and two copies of a letter, dated January 2, from the Applicant.

The Applicant's letter is in reply to that of Mr. Ellis, dated December 9, 1957. It fails to supply any worthwhile information and we have concluded that further correspondence will do no good.

The matter of a field examination will be left to your good judgment. After reviewing the enclosed material and all the information available to you concerning the general area surrounding the subject property, you may wish to recommend that the application be denied without a field examination.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (24B)
MChing/gla 1-21-58
cc to: Admr.'s Reading File
Operating Committee
THKiilsgaard, 5224
Mr. Ching

Enclosures

APPROVED:

A. D. McMahon (24B)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (24B)
Member, Geological Survey

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JAN 23 1958

Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

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The Regional Office will contact you at an early date if additional information is required.

Please note that under DMEA Order 1, Revised, uranium exploration projects resulting from applications received after October 22, 1957, are eligible for only 50 percent Government contribution instead of 75 percent. Your application was received on December 5, 1957, so, if a project results from it, the Government would contribute 50 percent of the allowable costs.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

MChing/izm (1-21-58) 1-22-58
cc: Mr. Ching
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Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
WEM No. 3 Claim
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Mr. Ching -

Operator should be informed that Government contribution to projects for which applications are received after October 22, 1957 is at 50% for uranium instead of 75%.

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

January 14, 1958
Re: DMEA 4891
Walter E. Michaels
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California
$1,085,000.00 - Uranium

Memorandum

To: E. W. Ellis, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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

Subject: Review of application

The applicant requests assistance in prospecting for great deposits of pitchblende in the form of 50-foot diameter pods and wide veins. Incidentally the shaft sinking and underground work would prove or disprove the applicant's theory concerning the postulated deposits.

Some work appears to have been done in the "volcanic basin" but no information is given as for the objects of the work or the results. Probably the best he has to show for the work is material assaying 0.02-0.04% U_3O_8, material which the applicant thinks bespeaks ore grade material at depth.

The application does not merit a referral, but attention in California is indicated, so referral to the Field Team for appropriate action is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

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1124 BROADWAY
New York City, N.Y.

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U.S.Department of the Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Admin.
Washington 25, D C

RE:DMEA-4891(PITCHBLENDE)

Dear Sirs-

RE.1. I have formed my concept of the deposits of PITCHBLENDE in,our block of four(4) claims by making inquiries of the ore deposits of several mines in the Mohave area, where the 4 claims are situated. I am NOT excited about the .02-.04% signs of PITCHBLENDE on the 4 claims. What I am excited about is the black coated wide cracks of rocky outcroppings of rock which I believe are attached to bedrock, and that this black coated cracks are what is left from the weathering of the PITCHBLENDE that was deposited in them. I also point out PITCHBLENDE signs at the points indicated on the sketch close to the southly end of the "Baby Doll" claim, which signs I believe originated from the volcanic basin. I believe that the PITCH-BLEND deposits at these signs is the variety that readily powders and so has very poor wethering powers.

You have a fieldman in this area who is within a reasonable distance of Randsburg, California. So, I urge you to send him with me to these claims to make the exact determination of facts from you should draw your conclusions. However, from my inquiries of these fieldmen, they too frequently think that the conclusion, "to reccommend or not to recommend" a project is dependent upon their opinion. So then, I urge that you make it clear to your fieldman that exact facts with no op-inios is what he is to determine, and that you are to draw the conclusions from his facts.

RE:2. I think thatyou are unwittingly associating a deposit of PITCHBLENDE with the usual placer deposit of Uranium; I do not think that it is a chacteristic requirement that Pitchblende deposits come to the surface in veins a yard wide. My assayer report shows that I have PITCHBLENDE in hand.

My inquiries of the ore deposits of various mines in this area indicates that ore is deposited in MEANDERING veins, stringers, and pods; therefore I think that a drift lengthwisealong the middle of this block of 4 claims will cut across the said deposits and so reveal the mining to be done to recover the PITCHBLENDE. The AEC aireal survey shows this area to be "hot!"

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As to costs; my consultation with several professional mining engineers and their extensive expense brochures of minig costs indicates; that electric-mules, two permanent shaft heads, and about $50,000.00 in rental-heavy-equipment will be needed, that granitic rock is likely to be encountered, that timbering may begin to rot in about a year and so require replacement 3 times, that gas formation is common in this area, that the water-table is erratic and a shaft is likely to cut across such a dry table, which would mean a pumping expense when the rains come. And from their experience with the unexpected troubles that too frequently beset mining, that a contingency factor be attached to all mining activities. That minigg according to State Code is very expensive. These engineers indicate that your pamphlet estimate of $30/ft.for a mining cost is rediculous. I think that you are getting your concept of mining costs from some partnership project, too long ago, that did not need to conform to State Code(because only the partners were in the mine), where a head was already estblised with track,ore-cars and lines, and probably only tunneling which is comparatively cheap.

While this is a million dollar contract, I estimate that within 3-4 months of exploration, I should be able to begin mining,ON MY OWN, the ore revealed by the exploration; and so the project will begin to pay for itself before the the People get financially hurt. I also have noted that the DMEA projects for the entire State of California in the past several years has amounted to only $614,301, which is peanut-venders pocket change in the mining game. It is my belief that the People intended the DMEA to take project risks to obtain strategic materials that private capital will not take. I also note that the U.S.is spending our money to buy Pitchblende in Canada; with the Pitchblende that I have, this spending will not be needed.

In conclusion, I GOT PITCHBLENDE.

Yours truly,

Walter E.Michaels

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

Date December 10, 1957

DMEA Docket No. 4891
DMEA Contract No.
Commodity Uranium
Name of applicant Wemichaels' Products
Name of property
Location of property San Bernardino County, Calif.
Estimated cost of project $1,085,000.00

Memorandum

To: Ernest William Ellis, DMEA Member
Uranium Commodity Committee

From: James Paone, Bureau of Mines Member
Uranium Commodity Committee

Subject: Review of Application
(Application, Field Team Report, etc.)

1. Date of subject document: 12/5/57. 2. Date received by reviewer: 12/6/57.

3. Prior reports on this property known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [ ]

4. Prior reports on nearby properties known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [ ]

5. Information available on past production: Yes [ ] No [ ]

6. Other pertinent factors known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [ ]

7. Explain items marked yes above:

8. Factors needing special consideration:
   a. Location [ ]
   b. Ownership [ ]
   c. Evidence of mineralization [ ]
   d. Geology [x]
   e. Proposed exploration method [x]
   f. Alternate exploration method [ ]
   g. Costs [x]
   h. _____ [ ]

9. Action advised:
   a. Obtain information from applicant [x]
   b. Refer to Field Team [ ]
   c. Denial [ ]
   d. Agree with Field Team [ ]
      i. Consult with Mr. _____ at _____ AEC office.
   e. Disagree with Field Team [ ]
   f. Suggest alternate plan [ ]
   g. Request another examination [ ]
   h. Approval [ ]

10. Remarks: (Use back of page if necessary) Additional information on geology, proposed exploration method, and costs are necessary to evaluate the application.

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Los Angeles 28, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4891 (Uranium)
WEM No. 3 Claim
San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Michaels:

We have reviewed your application for exploration aid and find that the information supplied is too incomplete for further processing.

We wish to point out in particular the following deficiencies in your application:

1. The geologic basis for your application appears to be very weak. You state that you expect to find great deposits of pitchblende 200 to 300 feet below the surface in the form of 50-foot diameter pods and wide veins, but you fail to point out the geologic features that would support such expectations. The fact that the claims are located in a volcanic basin that formerly was the center of volcanic activity in this area does not give such support. The two reports of analyses attached to your application indicate that the most radioactive material found on the surface assays only 0.04 percent and 0.02 percent U_3O_8. Such material is very low grade and furnishes very little basis for an exploration project. As for the geologic theory which you have conceived, it is against our policy to consider an exploration project based upon an unproven theory.

2. The work proposed by you does not appear to be related to any geologic features, is not justified by favorable surface or underground showings, is extremely extensive for such a small area, and is unreasonably high in cost.

We would like to point out that the most important criterion for a successful application is evidence that there is a good geologic probability of making a significant dis-

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covery. The information supplied in your application fails to supply such evidence.

It is suggested that you advise us promptly whether or not you can supply more conclusive evidence of significant mineralization and favorable geologic conditions on your property. In the meantime, we shall hold your application in abeyance.

Sincerely yours,

(S)

Ernest Wm. Ellis, Director
Division of Rare and
Miscellaneous Metals

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cc to: Admr.'s Reading File
THKiilsgaard, 5224
Mr. Ching
DMEA Field Team, Region II (2)

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

December 6, 1957

Mr. Walter E. Michaels
5880 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles 28, California

Dear Mr. Michaels

Subject: DMEA-4891

Your application for exploration assistance, dated November 9, 1957 submitted to our office at Reno, Nevada has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4891 and referred to the Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division in the Washington office. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this Docket Number.

Sincerely yours,

Allen S. Dakan, Director
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

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