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

200 New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

July 25, 1951

Memorandum

To: DMA Field Team, Region IV

From: A. H. Koschmann

Subject: DMA Docket 1345X, C. W. Gustafson, Rico, Colorado

Attached are 8 copies of a memorandum report by Truman H. Kuhn, Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, covering DMA Docket 1345X.

Mr. Kuhn points out that Mr. Gustafson does not have legal possession of the claims covered in his application. Available information also indicates that the pegmatite deposit in question is not of commercial grade. The application should either be denied, or the applicant should be notified that no further consideration will be given this application until he establishes ownership.

A. H. Koschmann

A. H. Koschmann
Supervising Geologist
Colorado-Wyoming

Attached (8)

Mr. A. H. Koschmann July 17, 1951

Truman H. Kuhn

DMA Docket 1345X, C. W. Gustafson, Rico, Colorado

Mr. C. W. Gustafson of Rico, Colorado, has applied for a loan of $20,000 to explore for mica and beryl in Strawberry Mining District, Grand County, Colorado, (DMA Docket 1345X).

On July 16, 1951, I attempted to visit the property. Mr. C. L. Harrington, Mineral and Land Surveyor of Idaho Springs, represented Mr. Gustafson and acted as my guide. Mr. Harrington had never been on the property, but he had with him a rough sketch map prepared by Mr. Gustafson. After a full days search in the vicinity of north, middle, and south branches of Strawberry Creek, no evidence of exploration was found and we returned to Idaho Springs.

After talking to Mr. Harrington, it became evident that Mr. Gustafson controlled no mining claims in Strawberry Mining District. Two unpatented claims, Tourmaline and Feldspar, Mica, and Beryl were held by location until 1949 by Mrs. Ethel Clayton and others. The former owners abandoned these claims, and Mr. Harrington was to locate the land for Mr. Gustafson. Since Mr. Harrington could not find the claims, Mr. Gustafson has no legal right to any mining property in the district.

On July 1 and 2, 1948, W. M. Traver, Engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Mines, visited what apparently was one of the claims mentioned by Mr. Gustafson. Mr. Traver referred to the property as the Beaver Mica mine and described it as:

"Pegmatite dike in pre-Cambrian granite and gneiss, containing scrap mica. No beryl or other strategic minerals observed."

Judging from what I saw during our search for the property, the inaccessibility of the deposits, and from Mr. Traver's report, I would judge that Mr. Gustafson's claims, when located, will be of little value for mica and beryl.

/s/ Truman H. Kuhn

August 15, 1951

Memorandum

To: Executive Secretary, Defense Minerals Administration

From: Executive Officer, DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 1345X, G. W. Gustafson, Rico, Colorado

Enclosed herewith is the brochure for the above docket which inadvertently was not sent with the final report on August 1, 1951.

J. M. Hast, Jr.

Enclosure

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cc: DMA - Lab.
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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August 8, 1951

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
REGION IV
AUG 16 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Memorandum

To: Reports and Records Unit, DMA

From: Chief, Industrial Minerals Branch, DMA

Subject: DMA-1345X, C. W. Gustafson, Rico, Colorado
Commodities: Mica, Beryl, Tantalite
Grand County, Colorado
Amount of loan: $20,000

Denial recommeded because Field Team reports:

1. Presence of strategic mica, beryl or tantalite has not been demonstrated.

2. Applicant has not demonstrated ownership or lease on property.

Attached:

1. Letter from Field Team, Region IV with one copy of Field Report and memo dated July 25, 1951.

2. Form MF-100 in duplicate.

3. Form MF-103 in duplicate.

M.P.

James A. Barr, Sr.

Approved:

Director, Supply Division

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cc: Reports and Records
Mr. Lyon
Mr. Barr
Field Team Region IV (2)

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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EXPLORATION DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
AUG 14 1951 REGION IV
AUG 16 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLO.

Mr. C. W. Gustafson
Rico
Colorado

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

Subject: DMA-1345X
Mica, Beryl and Tantalite

Your application for aid for an exploration project on Mica, Beryl and Tantalite deposits located in Grand County, Colorado, and docketed as DMA-1345X, has been reviewed by this office.

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

Property rights covering deposits to be explored must be clearly demonstrated by applicant.

A very careful study of your proposal, including examination by DMA Field Team, revealed the following:

1. Presence of strategic minerals in the deposit has not been demonstrated.

2. Ownership or valid lease covering the deposit has not been shown by the applicant.

Under these circumstances, your application for exploration aid to the extent of 90% of $20,000 is denied. Should additional information become available, we would be glad to have you resubmit your proposal for consideration.

Unless we receive a request within 30 days, we will consider the case closed.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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cc: Reports and Records, Mr. Lyon
DMA Files, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Barr, Field Team, Region IV (2)

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
224 NEW CUSTOMHOUSE
DENVER 2, COLORADO

August 1, 1951

Memorandum

To: Landon Strobel, Executive Secretary
Defense Minerals Administration

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 1345X, G. W. Gustafson, Rico, Colorado

We are forwarding herewith original and two copies of the report on Docket 1345X, as listed above.

We concur with the examining geologist's recommendation that the application should be denied unless the applicant can establish ownership of the claims.

P. T. Allsman, Alternate

A. H. Koschmann

Enclosure
One copy by Air Mail
Two copies by Regular Mail

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cc: DMA

Colorado Branch

Date Rec'd
JUN 29 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

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

224 NewCustomhouse
Denver, Colorado

June 28, 1951

Memorandum

To: W. M. Traver

(Through Chief, Mining Division)

A. H. Koschmann

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 1345X, C. W. Gustafson, Rico, Colorado

Herewith is the exploration application and review of the above docket. Please make an examination and report, paying particular attention to the requests contained in the review.

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Attachments

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June 19, 1951

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REGION IV
JUN 25 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Mr. C. W. Gustafson

Rico, Colorado

Subject: DMA-1345X

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

Your application is being referred to Mr. J. H. East, Jr., 224 New Customhouse Building, Denver 2, Colorado, Executive Officer of the Field Team, Region IV, for further information.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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cc: Mr. Strobel
Mr. Barr
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