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April 6, 1951

Memorandum

To: Executive Secretary, D. M. A.
Through: Director, Supply Division

From: Lead-Zinc Branch, D. M. A. Re: Docket DMA-810

Subject: Application of
Charles W. McDowell
Warren, Idaho

The request of Charles W. McDowell, Warren, Idaho, for Government assistance to build a mill and mine the Elk Creek Quartz property in Valley County, Idaho, has been reviewed by the Lead-Zinc Branch.

The applicant requests a loan of $147,000.00 which would be expended as follows:

Construction of access road including purchase of tractor	$22,000.00
Purchase and erection of 200 ton mill	80,000.00
Purchase of mining machinery	15,000.00
Purchase of power plant	10,000.00
Working capital	20,000.00

The deposit, which is in a granitic rock, contains 20,000 tons of measured ore which apparently is present in four outcrops that occur in an area less than 1000 ft. long and 500 ft. wide. The average lead and zinc content of five 150 lb. samples taken from these outcrops is : 0.98% Pb as oxide ore, 0.98% Pb as sulfide ore; 0.94% Zn as oxide ore, and 1.78% Zn as sulfide ore. The applicant also claims that the ore contains 1% Cu, $4.20 per ton Ag, and $1.50 per ton Au, but no assays are given to substantiate these figures.

Because of the low grade and the relatively small tonnage, the Lead-Zinc Branch recommends that the application be denied, but that the applicant be asked whether he would desire to participate in an exploration program.

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

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Hon. Henry C. Dworshak
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: DMA Docket 810

My dear Senator Dworshak:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 8, regarding correspondence written to me by C. W. McDowell of McCall, Idaho requesting Government assistance on his lead, zinc, and copper deposits in the McCall-Warren area.

Mr. McDowell's application for Federal assistance to operate his property has been received and assigned DMA Docket No. 810. At the present time it is being reviewed by the Defense Minerals Administration's Lead-Zinc Branch. You can assure Mr. McDowell that his application is receiving the full and prompt consideration of the Defense Minerals Administration.

I trust this satisfactorily answers your inquiry. If I can be of further service at any time, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES BOYD
Administrator

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