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- [ ] Royalty Audits
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- [ ] Cost Audits
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- [ ] Contract Amendments
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- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
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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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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

Air Mail

April 4, 1958

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: New Application (Copper-Titanium)
Erwin R. McPheters
Trail Creek
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Enclosed are the original and two copies of an application for DMEA aid to explore for copper in Blaine County, Idaho.

The applicant has submitted two bids for diamond drilling and says he would accept a contract whereby drilling would be done either by one of the bidding companies or by him. Later on he says that he has no "cash or means to pay any portion of the cost of contract work." Apparently he has some idea of setting a total cost for the drilling, having the Government pay him 50 percent and using these funds to buy a used drill rig. This, of course, would be an impossible arrangement. Moreover, although he claims to have had experience with machinery, we doubt that this will have made him a competent driller.

We recommend that DMEA advise him that for such a small amount of drilling DMEA could not contribute to the purchase of drilling equipment and that therefore only drilling by a contractor could be considered. Also if he is unable to finance his share of the cost the application will have to be denied.

We will not make an examination unless you request it.

By Field Team, Region I

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
U. S. Geological Survey

Thomas E Howard

for Wing G. Agnew, Member
U. S. Bureau of Mines

Enclosures

cc: USBM (2)
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Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

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SPOKANE, WASH.

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-4977
Metal or Mineral Copper
Date Received 4-7-58
Estimated Cost No annual gross
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: Erwin R. McPheters,

(*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 Trail Creek Mining Claim (1 claim) located Nov. 18, 1955, #107010, warm Springs Creek Mining District, Blaine County, Idaho. Filed at Hailey, Idaho, Recording Office, Page 352, Book 157.

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

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

(*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. Location description above.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it About two hours Dozing time.

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

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. Surface work only, mostly done Dozing.

(*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. Copper and Titanium predominating, Vein, Limonite Slates.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points. (5) Five miles to R.R., 100 yds. from road, 5 miles to town.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power. 2 miles to Electricity, 20 ft from water, Manpower average, materials supplies and equipment good.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore Copper and Titanium are the predominating minerals showing on the surface.

(*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. New ground, Limonite capping with Slate overlay.

(*c*) The work will start within 60 days and be completed within 24 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 March 30, 1958

Erwin P. McPeters
(Applicant)

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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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CRISMON & NICHOLS

ASSAYERS AND CHEMISTS

PHONE EM 3-7417 229-231 SOUTH WEST TEMPLE STREET P. O. BOX 1708

REPORT OF ASSAY

E. R. McPheters

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH March 12, 1957

WE HAVE ASSAYED YOUR 1 SAMPLES AND FIND it TO CONTAIN AS FOLLOWS:

DESCRIPTION	NO.	Ounces Silver per ton	Per-cent Copper	Per-cent Nickel	Per-cent Titanium Oxide (TiO_2)	
		Trace	0.15	None	0.25	

REMARKS: Qualitative test shows a small amount of phosphorus

CHARGES $ 8.00 Paid

CRISMON & NICHOLS

BY [signature]

Assays

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Hand Samples.

The Anaconda Company

12/19/56

SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

			Major	Minor	Trace
#1 Float	12/15/56	Lot 24219	Si, Fe	Ca, Al-	B,Mg,Mo+,Cu V+,Zn-,Ag- Ti,Co,Ni+,Cr.
X #2 Outcrop		24220	Fe	Si,Cu, Ca,Al	B,P,Mg+,Mo,V- Zn,Ag,Ti,Co- Ni+,Cr .

Diamond Core Drilling
Mining
Quarries
Shaft Sinking
Tunnel Driving

Boyles Bros.
DRILLING COMPANY

CONTRACTORS - ENGINEERS - GEOLOGISTS
General Offices
1321 South Main Street Phone HUnter 4-4401
SALT LAKE CITY 15, UTAH

December 19, 1957 Reply to: S. L. C.

Mr. E. R. McPheters
P. O. Box 54
Ketchum, Idaho

Dear Mr. McPheters:

Mr. George Lowery has just returned with his report on the proposed drilling program and following are the rates necessary for this job.

1. Mobilization and Demobilization - $300.00.
   Should 1500 feet be drilled, the mobilization will be refunded.

2. For holes up to 200 feet in depth the rate will be $4.70 for AX size core and $5.20 for BX size core.

Normal procedure would be to collar the holes BX size and drill a short distance for collar pipe and then reduce to AX size unless the larger core was desired.

A deposit of $3000.00 would be required to be applied on the last month's invoice. Other invoices to be paid within 10 days of presentation.

Should the foregoing quotation meet with your approval we would require 10 days notice before being able to mobilize.

Should there be any questions regarding this bid, please call or write and we will answer immediately. Thank you for calling on us.

Yours very truly,

A. F. Goldsworthy

A. F. Goldsworthy
Manager, Drilling Division

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Diamond Drilling Contractor

NICHOLS & THOMPSON
CORE DRILLING CO., Inc.

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GENERAL MANAGER

PHONE 4-1464

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BUSINESS MANAGER

505 SOUTH 16TH

BOISE, IDAHO

P. O. BOX 2057

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December 9, 1957

Mr. E. R. McPheters,
P.O.Box 54
Ketchum, Idaho

Dear Mr. McPheters:

We are pleased to quote the following prices on your drilling at Ketchum:

1. Mobilization		Lump Sum		$ 400.00
2. Drilling:	NX Size	0' to 100'	@	8.25 per l.f.
	BX Size	0' to 200'	@	8.00 per l.f.
	AX Size	0' to 400'	@	7.75 per l.f.
3. Reaming: Any size, NX; BX; AX;			@	2.75 per l.f.
4. Cementing:			@	11.00 per hour

We wish to thank you for the opportunity of quoting the above prices to you and hope to hear from you at a later date.

Yours very truly,

NICHOLS & THOMPSON CORE DRILLING CO.INC.

By Alvin P. Nichols
Alvin P Nichols, General Manager

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5, (d) Drilling to be done either by one of the companies whose price quotations are included in application, (contract) or by myself - either contract or wages.
My experience is average in operating machinery and in mining. Have had some experience in tunnel work and timbering, and considerable experience in general motors and machines.

6. (a) 1. Separate sheet. Estimated cost for 700 ft. of drilling $ 5825.00
2. Blasting to clear away for drilling stations 75.00
3. Dozer work to clear away for drilling stations 50.00
4. Building Core storage cabinets 14 @ 50 Ft each, 700 ft. @ 10¢ each 140.00

(b) There will be no labor or supervision if the work is all contracted to someone else, except for me to keep a line on what is being done. There will be no charge for that unless I do the work, contract or otherwise, then I would put in full time which would be covered in any work agreement or contract. Separate sheet, (7 (a), (b).)

(c) Operating materials and supplies, Contract, Separate sheet, 7 (a), (b).
(d) Operating Equipment. Contract, Separate sheet, 7 (a), (b).
(e) Rehabilitation and repairs, Separate sheet, 7 (a), (b).
(f) New Buildings, improvements, installations, Separate sheet, 7 (a), (b).
(g) Miscellanious, Analytical work. Assaying

1. Copper-one each 25 ft of drilling, average.	28 @	$1.00	28.00
2. Titanium- " " " " " "	28 @	3.00	84.00
3. Gold, Silver, Lead and Zinc,- one at or near the bottom of each 50 ft drill hole.	14 @	3.50	49.00
4. Qualitative analysis at or near the bottom of Drill holes 7,8,9,10 and 11.	5 @	6.00	30.00
5. Estimated postage on samples, 70 samples			25.00

(H) I believe that in case the work is contracted to an operating company that the prices listed would cover, unless in the process of drilling it may indicate the necessity of more assays be run than is listed. Also the prices on the blasting and dozing and core bins are estimated, what I figure I could do it for. If this is contracted it may run a little more.
Estimated cost above estimates given and Miscellaneous incidentals. --250.00
$6556.00

This figure is a near estimate of the cost for an AXcore if done by Nichols & Thompson, Enclosed sheet. I did not figure any reaming or cementing, nor for anything unlisted that they may have to use.

A near estimate of the cost if done by Boyles Bros. Drilling Company, not listing any extra for reaming cementing or other unlisted items they may encounter. $4221.00

7. (a) Considering the bids or quotations made by the Drilling
(b) companies from Salt Lake City and Boise, I would like to try to make an application whereby I could do the drilling on this property myself, if advisable.

The property is located about five miles from town, I am working on a job that is part time in the Summer, having here close to the property I could drillout the small amount necessary to prospect this claim, by taking a little longer time than an established driller may.

I have had considerable experience with different types of machinery and believe that I could drill this ground with very little difficulty.

Listings from S.W.Pressey and Son, Core drill dealers and supply house in Pueblo Colorado, have either gas driven units, or air driven units with a compressor, in good used equipment ready to operate for about $3500.00

I believe that for the estimate made by Nichols and Thompson plus the incidentals listed, totaling $6556.00, that a good used machine could be purchased and about $1250.00 for incidentals and estimated maintainance totaling $4750.00, leaving $1806.00 for labor and management.

I have in the way of equipment that can be used, Air hammer and Steel, 4x4 truck and a small tractor with dozer. I value these items at about 1250.00.

I will be willing to put up my time and equipment on the following basis; That I may have permission to use the drilling equipment on custom work, as long as it does not interfere with this work, permitting ½ (one half) of all above operating expense to apply on the purchase price of the Drill, as I would like to purchase the drill if possible and this application is accepted, and the other half of what is received from custom work to go for my wages.

These figures may not figure exactly 50% or 75%, as it is uncertain as yet what mineral will predominate with prospecting.

I do not have any cash or means to pay ~~$~~ any portion of the loan, in case the work is contracted.

This outcrop is located in line with good producing properties, Independence, Triumph, Parker, Elk Horn and other old producers.

The capping looks very good to me.

The samples taken are from a wide area, about 35ft., and I am hoping that these values will centralize or increase with depth.

The area sampled appears to be the contact or within the contact between the upper Trail Creek Glacial deposits, where very good float samples have been found, and the more in place country rock formations of lower Trail Creek.

No Money

DMEA

P.O.Box 54,
Ketchum, Idaho,
March 30, 1958.

A.E.Weissenborn,
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region I, NW District.

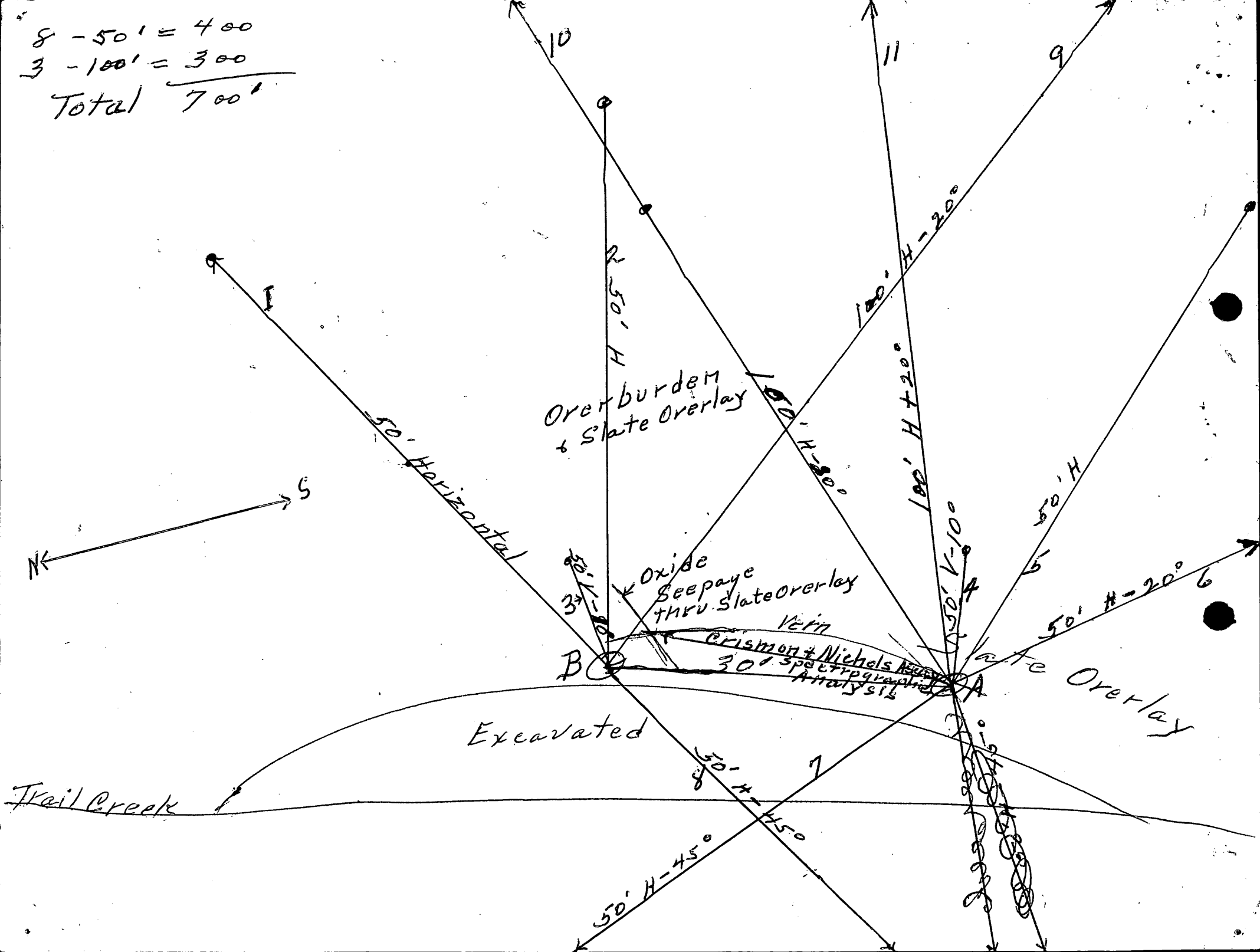
Dear Mr. Weissenborn;

Your letter of March 3, 1958 was received.
I am enclosing an application for a loan to try to get the prospecting work done that I inquired about.
The assays that I have had taken are from across a surface about 35 ft across.
The small drilling program that I have outlined should not only determine the values that show on the surface, but to test under the surface capping for Lead and Silver. This claim is located in a very good lead and silver area and the capping of Limonite is a very good indication, in my opinion.
It is possible that a little less drilling would partially prove the ground, but I want to not miss any possible under such an attractive capping.
Thanking you for your advice I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Erwin R. McPheters

8 - 50' = 400
3 - 100' = 300
Total 700'



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MAY 29 1959

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, OME Field Team, Region I

From: Chairman, Operating Committee, OME

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4977 (Copper-Titanium)
Erwin R. McPheters
Trail Creek Claim
Blaine County, Idaho

We refer to your memorandum dated May 19, 1959, concerning the status of the cited application.

We are enclosing two copies of a letter from Mr. McPheters which is self-explanatory. This application has been withdrawn from our active files.

In the first paragraph of the letter Mr. McPheters refers to "enclosures and information on DMEA loans." What he meant to say was "enclosures and information on OME loans." He had received the new regulations and application forms.

Through some oversight you were not advised as to what had transpired.

/s/ George C. Selfridge (WB)

APPROVED:

/s/ O. M. Bishop (WB)
Member, Bureau of Mines

W. P. Williams (WB)
Member, Geological Survey

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

May 19, 1959

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Memorandum

To: Chairman, Operating Committee, OME

From: Executive Officer, OME Field Team, Region I

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4977 (Copper-Titanium)
Erwin R. McPheters
Trail Creek Claim
Blaine County, Idaho

This application was received April 1, 1958, and we are still carrying it in our "Applications in Process" file. The last we have in our docket is a copy of Mr. Johnson's letter of January 29, 1959, asking for more information and whether or not the applicant wished to participate in the OME program. I believe the Washington office has followed up on all of the outstanding applications in Region I, except for the Erwin McPheters one. Or perhaps it has been followed up and we did not receive copies of the correspondence.

Will you please inform us if we should continue to carry it as an "active" application.

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn

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P.O.Box 54,
Ketchum, Idaho,
March 1, 1959.

DMEA 4977

Frank E. Johnson,
Acting Director,
DMEA,
Office of Minerals Exploration,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson;

Your letter of Jan. 29, 1959, with Enclosures and information on DMEA loans, was received and thank you very much.

Although this has not been a district where Copper and Titanium predominates, minerals of that type could be anywhere, but whether it would be in paying quantities could be a question. I believe Mr. Johnson that on the property that the application was on it would be better to develop it on a small scale as I have done, as long as I could not qualify for a loan right now. I have uncovered a good lead of heavy oxide that will have to be tunneled rather than drilled as it is wet crumbly ground. This could be the Vein lead.

I perhaps should have made application on another property containing Gold, Silver, Lead and Zinc that I have been developing on a small scale for some time. This property is now ground but I have taken good ore from the surface and the surrounding indications are very good for a sizable deposit.

At a later date Mr. Johnson, providing my position is such that I could stand my portion of a loan, I may like to try for a loan on this place. I have it surfaced almost ready to drill now.

As I believe thatI explained in a previous letter that my program was to prospect for different minerals, whatever happens to be present and marketable, there are very good minerals in this area that have not been uncovered or discovered, the problem is to get the ground prospected after the mineral is discovered.

Thank you very much Mr. Johnson for the help that you have been in outlining the DMEA information for me, possibly at alater date I may be able to comply and get a loan assistance.

Respectfully yours,

Erwin R. McPeters.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION
Washington 25, D. C.

January 31, 1959

Memorandum for Docket

Subject: Withdrawal of Pending DMEA Applications

Docket No. DMEA-4977
(Copper-Titanium)
Erwin R. McPheters
Trail Creek Claim
Blaine County, Idaho

Effective this date, this pending DMEA application is considered withdrawn for statistical purposes.

If, at a later date, the applicant requests reconsideration under the OME program, all pertinent material in the DMEA file should be transferred to the new OME docket.

Frank E. Johnson
Frank E. Johnson
Acting Director

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JAN 29 1959

Mr. Erwin R. McPheters
Post Office Box 54
Ketchum, Idaho

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4977 (Copper-Titanium)
Erwin R. McPheters
Trail Creek Claim
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. McPheters:

Enclosed is a copy of the regulations for obtaining Federal assistance in financing mineral exploration under which the new Office of Minerals Exploration will operate.

If you wish that your partly-processed DMEA application be considered under the OME regulations, please complete and return four of the copies of the attached application, MME Form 40.

Your attention is called especially to the certification which when signed declares that you would not ordinarily undertake the proposed exploration under current conditions and circumstances at your sole expense, and to Item 1(a) - and 1(b) if applicable - which relates to information used to determine your financial eligibility under the new exploration program. Information that is included in your DMEA application need not be repeated in the OME application, but you can add new information if you so desire.

We would again like to call the following to your attention:

(1) The Office of Minerals Exploration could not participate in the purchase of any drilling equipment for such a small amount of drilling as you proposed in your original application.

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(2) Will you be able to finance your half of any proposed project costs?

(3) It must be borne in mind that it takes from three to four weeks after the Operator submits a properly supported voucher before the Government's share of the costs can be paid.

(4) The assays submitted do not indicate any appreciable values in silver and lead. Other values are also low.

(5) You have not submitted a map of your claim.

If you do not wish to participate in the OME program, we shall appreciate being so informed.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson (fev)

Acting Director

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P.O.Box 54,
Ketchum, Idaho,
September 30, 1958.

C.O.Mittendorf, Acting Director,
Office of Minerals Exploration,
United States Department of The Interior,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Your welcome letter of Sept. 19 at hand. The program for additional exploration of minerals appears to be good for the mining districts.
I would like to file another application when the final regulations become effective.
In comment on the Exploration aid program I would like to make a few common view points respective to my own conditions and any possible similar existing conditions.
I have prospected this area considerable and have discovered several promising outcrops and surface exposures. I am endeavering to explore some of these to the extent that they will be of merit for a company to take over or to produce myself.
The places that I have settled on to date are of proportion on the surface that they could be good.
Any of these places that may prove good would not only help me as an individual but would help develop the district, as well as the employment and the community benefit.
The minerals involved at present are; Gold, Silver, Lead and Zinc in one place. Titanium, Copper, Chromite, Nickel, Molybdenum, with Titanium and Copper predominating on the surface, in another. Lead Silver and possibly Tungsten of merit in another, this place has not been properly sampled as yet. Lead, Silver in another and possibly one with Silver and Antimony, which has not been sampled.
These places are all new surface exposures that I have discovered.
It is impossible to do the exploring on these deposits that I feel they should have to test them properly, without a little machinery and finance to get under way and find out what is there. All I can do now is part time work on part of them and let the others stay as is unless I could get machinery and finance to explore all of them. To borrow money locally to explore new mineral deposits or to finance machinery on unproven ground is impossible.
A suggestion would be that the Office of Minerals Exploration send a practical Miner and Mineralogist into the field to check property needing a little exploring to prove, then either finance the owner to do a set amount to explore, or contract that amount of work for him to some mining contractor.
Hoping that I may hear from you I remain

Sincerely

Ervin R. McPhetres

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Mr. Erwin R. McPheters
Post Office Box 54
Ketchum, Idaho

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4977 (Copper-Titanium)
Erwin R. McPheters
Trail Creek Claim
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. McPheters:

As you have an application for exploration aid pending in our office, perhaps you may wish to study the proposed Office of Minerals Exploration regulations and comment on them before October 17 as provided in the first paragraph of the enclosed notice reprinted from the Federal Register of September 17.

Some time after October 17 when the final regulations become effective, we will send you the new application form so you may furnish any additional information necessary to process your application for aid under the new program.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

ACTING Director

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Re: Docket No. DMEA-4977 (Copper-Titanium)
Erwin R. McPheters
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Dear Mr. McPheters:

Early in June we sent you the Department of the Interior Information Service Release dated June 6, which announced that no new Defense Minerals Exploration Administration contracts could be executed after June 30th because of the ending of the present program for exploration assistance.

We regret to inform you that your application, identified above, could not be completely processed before June 30th because the necessary information we requested was not supplied.

However, we will be glad to hold your application until the Congress acts on pending legislation to continue exploration aid. If the aid is continued, we will then ask you to state whether you wish us to consider your application under regulations established for the new program.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf
Administrator

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Post Office Box 54
Ketchum, Idaho

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4977 (Copper-Titanium)
Erwin R. McPheters
Trail Creek
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. McPheters:

Your application for Government assistance to explore the cited property has been reviewed by the Division of Base Metals of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration.

Before we proceed with your application, we wish to point out that for such a small amount of drilling, the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration could not participate in the purchase of any drilling equipment.

You mention in your application, that you do not have the means to pay your portion of the costs should the work be contracted. Any credit for the use of equipment owned by an Operator is calculated on an amortization or depreciation basis over the contract therm, (this is generally to be assumed as a five year period to completely amortize, and depends on the original estimated value of the machinery if it is not new). In your particular case, assuming a total value of $1,250.00 for your equipment, the monthly depreciation paid would amount to only $20.84. Also, as payment of the Government's share of the costs takes from three to four weeks after the Operator submits a properly supported voucher, an Operator should have sufficient funds to completely pay for at least two months exploration work.

If you should find that you can finance your end of a possible contract along the lines mentioned above we would only be too glad to continue the processing of your application.

We will, therefore, hold your application in abeyance for a reasonable time, awaiting your reply.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Griswold

W. R. Griswold, Director
Division of Base Metals

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Before we proceed with your application, we wish to point out that for such a small amount of drilling ~~it would not be possible~~ to negotiate the purchase of drilling equipment. We would also like to point out that, if you have not had considerable experience in diamond drill operation, such drilling as you hope to do on your property could be extremely risky and costly. The mechanical side of the operation is a very small part thereof.

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Division of Base Metals

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

April 16, 1958

Memorandum

To: W. R. Griswold, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Commodity Specialist, Branch of Base Metals

Subject: Review of application, Docket No. DMEA 4977 (copper-titanium), Erwin R. McPheters, Trail Creek Prospect, Blaine County, Idaho. $6,556.00

The applicant indicates that the predominating minerals showing on the surface are copper and titanium, however, it appears that he is mostly interested in drilling through the surface capping to test for lead and silver. Copies of a spectrographic analysis and assay certificate submitted with the application show only traces of the metals mentioned. The applicant admits to not having the means to pay for any portion of the proposed drilling.

There appears to be no justification for considering this application for a contract and I recommend denial without a field examination of the property.

A. D. McMahon

A. D. McMahon

Attachment
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Thor Kiilsgaard, U.S.G.S.
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 10, 1958
Re: DMEA 4977
Erwin R. McPheters
Trail Creek Prospect
Blaine County, Idaho
$6,556.00 - Copper

Memorandum

To: W. R. Griswold, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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

Subject: Review of application

The applicant requests assistance in exploring, by drilling a showing, believed by the applicant to be a gossan, and indicative of good values below.

The proposed work consists of 11 drill holes (diamond) totaling 700 feet.

The two assay certificates (copies) submitted do not support the application. As the applicant hopes to be set up in contract drilling business and the prospect appears to lack promise, denial of the application without examination is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

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

April 8, 1958

Mr. Erwin R. McPheters
Post Office Box 54
Ketchum, Idaho

Subject: DMEA 4977

Dear Mr. McPheters:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated March 30, 1958 submitted to our office at Spokane, Washington has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4977 and referred to the Base 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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