So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington
July 27, 1962

Memorandum

To : Chief, Division of Field Operations

From : Acting Field Officer, Region I

Subject: OMK-6235 (Gold, Silver, Lead, Zinc)
Joseph J. Ramer
Mountain Lily Claim Group
Madison County, Montana

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated July 11, 1962, from the subject applicant which crossed in the mail my letter of the same date to him.

On June 16, 1962, I called on Mr. Ramer at his home in Sheridan, Montana. During our talk it soon became obvious that he did not understand either the purpose of the OMK program or the basic requirements for eligibility. He has found some silver-lead material of probable ore grade, specimens of which he showed me, for which he has no assays. The showing is said to be capped by a "seam of clay"--probably overburden, and he is sure that if he can obtain the equipment to sink 15 or 20 feet on the mineral, he will be able to follow the ore and mine it as he does so. From his description of the topography a short crosscut could be driven to the vein and a drift into the mountain would give increasing backs. Thus there may be a potential OMK project. Because of this I took up the matter of his right to the ground and the Book and page on which his claims were recorded.

The Book and page numbers given in Ramer's letter of May 6, 1962, were on a Certificate of Assessment. After going through many papers he finally turned up a copy of a Certificate of Location which showed that Mountain Lily #1 is recorded in Book 187, pages 129 and 130, and that Mountain Lily #2 is recorded in Book 187, pages 131 and 132. These claims, in sections 27 and 34, T. 3 S., R. 5 W., Wet Georgia District, were located May 25, 1958, by William Stevens, J. J. Ramer, and R. H. Rogers. A Quit Claim Deed in favor of Ramer was signed on May 22, 1959, by R. H. Rogers and Gladys Rogers and was witnessed by N. N. Halse and Lois O. Ramer, wife of the applicant, but was not notarized. A second Quit Claim Deed in favor of Ramer was signed by William Stevens, witnessed by Floyd Moore, notarized by Ted Darby whose seal is affixed, but the deed was never recorded. No Certificate of Location for Mountain Lily #3 and #4 could be found. Ramer "guessed" they were at the bank. As the visit was on Saturday, this could not be checked.

Ramer was not sure that he wanted to undertake a crosscutting and drifting project, and I did not want to take the time to make an examination until he was sure and could provide location data on the #3 and #4 claims. Accordingly I told him to think it over and if he wished to proceed along the lines I had suggested, to send me the missing location data (i.e., Book and page numbers,) and to notify me if he was not interested.

Mr. Ramer is an elderly gentleman in his late 70's or early 80's and I would expect him to be a slow mover. In view of the indecision expressed in the enclosed letter, I am inclined to recommend that he be notified that if the Book and page on which Mountain Lily #3 and #4 are recorded and a program for exploration is not presented within a reasonable time that his application will be withdrawn. I doubt if we will get a satisfactory cost estimate from him, but if he wants to proceed, that can be worked up with him in the field should an examination indicate a contract is justified.

D. R. MacLaren

Enclosure

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July 11, 1962

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Spokane 4, Wash.

Re: OME-6235
J.J. Ramer
Mountain Lily Claims
Madison Co., Mont.

Dear Mr. MacLaren:

It is with regrets that I have had to postpone this letter to you because of prospective leasers, and buyers. Also delays in this war surplus stuff we need for mining operations.

I still do not know where we stand on this thing.

A man said the other day he was very interested in this property if the government would just guarantee a stabilized price on silver, gold and lead. He wouldn't hesitate to take over and go ahead. But the situation as it stands does not justify a man's spending $100,000 if he never can get it back regardless of how much he produces.

I am at a standstill on this deal. Am waiting for some green light, and I hope you understand what I mean. We know we have the ore there but cannot operate without a profit. It seems to me our own government has allowed the imports to cut the small miners' throats without stopping our outflow of gold.

All I can say to you now is we will wait and see. I trust you will see that this letter goes to the higher officials and they may have some understanding as to the welfare of the nation.

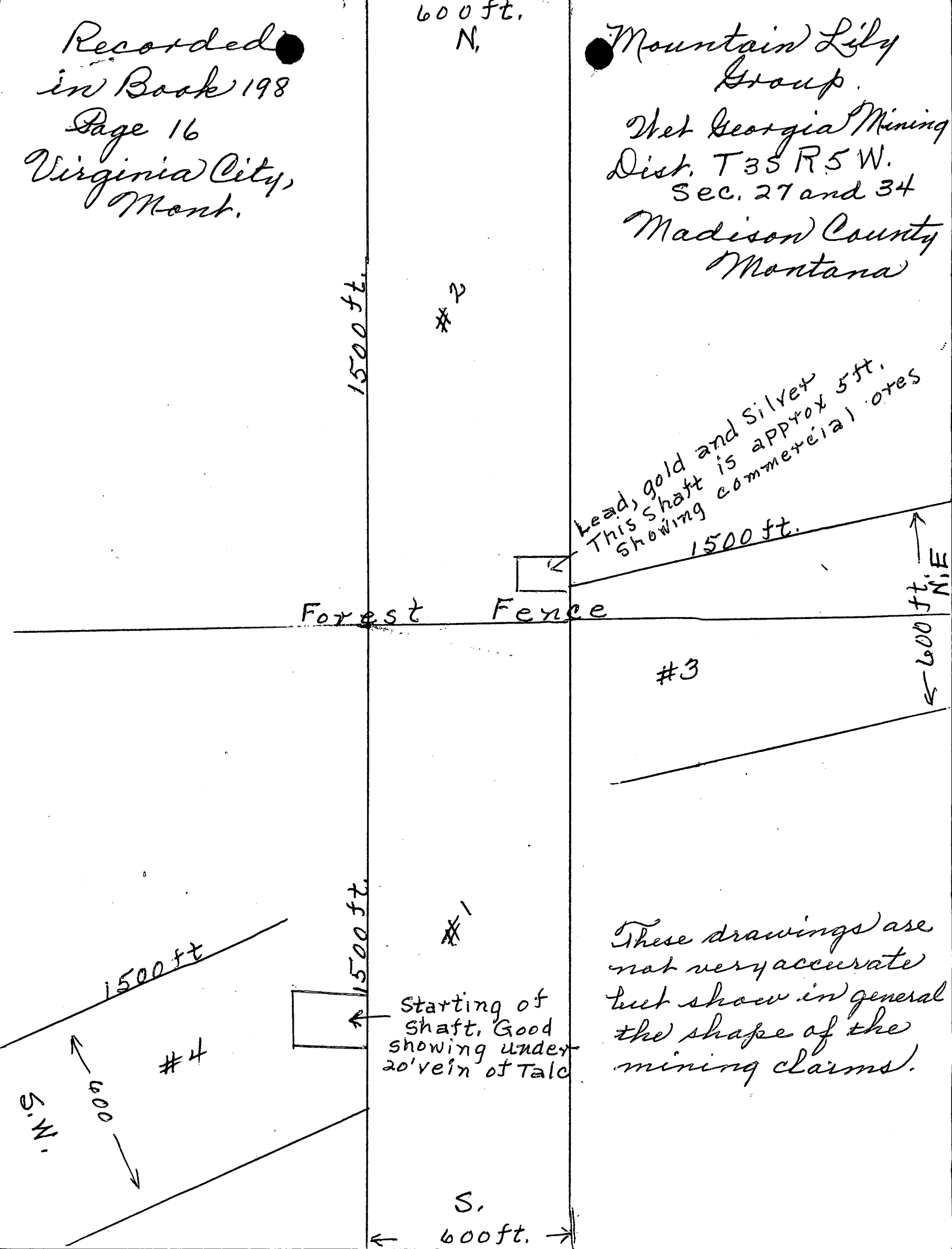
Yours truly,

/s/ J. J. Ramer

Recorded in Book 198 Page 16 Virginia City, Mont.

Mountain Lily Group.

Wet Georgia Mining Dist. T35 R5 W. Sec. 27 and 34 Madison County Montana



These drawings are not very accurate but show in general the shape of the mining claims.