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Messrs. Ruth Elyton, Alonzo Wallace and S. H. Elyton
Spindale, North Carolina

Subject: Docket No. [illegible]-2641 - Mica
[illegible] Mine
Cleveland County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the subject application and your letter of January 21, 1953.

There is to be noted, Section 3, Definitions, "'Exploration project' means the search for unknown or undeveloped sources of strategic or critical metals or minerals.....and shall not include work prosecuted primarily for mining or preparation for mining." The DMA is not authorized to provide assistance to mining operations. Since you wish to continue work in the mine as an open pit, and do not desire to explore this deposit by underground work, your application for exploration assistance is denied.

In compliance with your request, your leases is herewith returned.

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

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

Enclosure

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Mission VII

TIPTON HALLACE AND ALFORD, SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA. Philbeck
King, Cleveland County, North Carolina.
Letter to the applicant covering the application and returning the lease as requested by the applicant.

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To: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Tipton, Tipton and Wallace
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Subject: DMEA-2641, Mica, Philbeck Mine, Cleveland County, North Carolina

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