December 31, 1952

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Resume - Docket No. DMEA-2709 - Mica
W. A. Greene et al
Clarissa, N. C.
H. R. McKinney Property
(Extension of the J. K. Buchanan Mine)
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Recommendation: Denial

Conclusion: The ore shoot on the Buchanan property was mined out where last worked during World War II. The results of one diamond drill hole failed to find its extention on the McKinney property. The probability of making a significant discovery is slight.

Samples of mica from the adjacent J. K. Buchanan Mine are classed as non-ruby.

Chronology:

9/22/52	Application received. Requests $5,000 - no program outlined.
9/26/52	Letter to applicant requesting additional information - referred to USBM in Asheville for assistance.
9/29/52	USGS memo - obtain completed application.
10/3/52	Received letter from applicant with copy of lease and cost estimate of $60 per foot for a 100 ft. shaft.
10/24/52	USGS memo - Based on W.W. II reports, prospects are poor. Discuss with applicant and Field Team.
10/29/52	USBM - Memo recommends field examination.
11/10/52	Letter to Region VII requesting field examination.
11/10/52	Letter to applicant re: field referral.
11/28/52	Received field report recommending denial. Possibilities poor on the basis of W.W. II work.
12/5/52	USGS memo - concurs with Field Team's recommendation.
12/30/52	USBM memo received - concurs with Field Team's recommendation.
12/30/52	Denial letter written.

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Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Messrs. T. J. Greene
T. J. Greene and H. R. McKinney
Clarinda, North Carolina

Subject: Docket No. DMA-2709 - Mica
H. R. McKinney Property
(Extension of the J.K. Buchanan Mine)
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Your application for exploration assistance at the H. R. McKinney prospect in Mitchell County, North Carolina, has been reviewed by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration.

The use of Government funds in an exploration project is considered justified only if evidence is available to show that the project has a reasonably good chance of resulting in the discovery or development of strategic minerals in sufficient quantity to significantly improve the mineral supply for National Defense.

The evidence that you have submitted, and other available information, does not show that the probability of making a significant discovery of strategic mica is sufficiently encouraging to justify Government participation in the proposed work; therefore, your application for assistance is denied.

Your interest in the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration's program to aid the mineral supply for National Defense is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Messrs. W. A. Greene
T. J. Greene and M. R. McKinney
Clarissa, North Carolina

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2709 - Mica
Mine on Creek
Cane Creek Township
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance for mica.

Your application has not been completed with sufficient detail to permit further study. You can obtain assistance in completing your application properly by contacting Mr. Alexander L. Peyton, Mining Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines, 190 Cox Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2709 - Mica
H. R. McKinney Property
(Extension of the J. K. Buchanan Mine)
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance at the H. R. McKinney Property, Spruce Pine District, Mitchell County, North Carolina.

Attached hereto are two memoranda from the Geological Survey and one from the Bureau of Mines referring to the subject property. (Extension of the J. K. Buchanan Mine.)

Please submit a review and recommendation on this application. You may find it advisable to talk to the applicant or examine the property as the application itself contains little information about the geology or location of the proposed shaft.

If exploration is recommended, the usual information should be included in the report and the quality of the mica should be verified.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

J. H. Hedges

Member, Bureau of Mines

A. L. Finkel, Jr.

Member, Geological Survey

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Messrs. W. A. Greene
T. J. Greene and H. R. McKinney
Clarissa, North Carolina

Subject: Docket No. DMA-2739 - Mica
H. R. McKinney Property
(Extension of the J.K. Buchanan
Mine)
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Your application is being referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMA Field Team, Region VII, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, for further information.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf
Administrator

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To Administrator
from Non-metals Div.
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