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Mr. Fred Wilson
45 King Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4014 - Mica
Fred Wilson
Rocky Face Mine
Mason County, North Carolina

Docket No. DMEA-4015 - Mica
Fred Wilson
Houston Mine
Mason County, North Carolina

Docket No. DMEA-4016 - Mica
Fred Wilson
Watauga Mine
Mason County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other reports available to us in Washington relating to each of the subject properties have been reviewed.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding materials of acceptable grade in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for the National Defense Program.

Careful study of all our information indicates to us that the probability of disclosing significant reserves of mica is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you, under these circumstances, that your applications are denied.

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

Sincerely yours,

E. O. [illegible]

Administrator

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Field Team, Region V
Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Houk
Mr. Anderson

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Fred Wilson
Houston Mine
Mason Co., N. C.
$3,425.00 - Mica

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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

Subject: Review of application.

This application, one of three by Fred Wilson, requests assistance in an exploration program involving 2 incline shafts on a pegmatite in the Houston mine. The mine is the central one of three to be under exploration and development at the same time, if the three applications are approved.

An examination by the Field Team, as in the case of the Rocky Face mine, is indicated and so recommended.

N. E. Nelson

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W. F. Dietrich, 3061