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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,

C. O. Rinehart

Administrator

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Field Team, Region V
Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
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Re: DMEA 4016
Fred Wilson
Watauga Mine
Mason Co., N. C.
$3,350.00 - Mica

Memorandum

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

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

Subject: Review of application.

This, the third application by Fred Wilson, pertains to the Watauga mine, the uppermost of three, probably in line mines. The other applications request:—

DMEA 4014, Rocky Face mine	$2,565.00
DMEA 4015, Houston mine	3,425.00
	$5,990.00
DMEA 4016, Watauga mine	3,350.00
Total	$9,340.00

One compressor is expected to supply the three mines and other costs would be divided.

I have no information on the mines. The integrated exploratory work program could, conceivably, result in an operation, if the mica content is as high and as high grade as claimed in the application.

An examination is indicated and an opinion as to the merits of the parts of the 3-part proposed program.

Referral to the Field Team is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

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W. F. Dietrich, 3061