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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA- Washington

From: DMEA Field Team, Region V - Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: DMEA-4112 - Mica, Randolph Mine Lease Area, Yancey County, N. C.

Reference is made to your letter of February 6, to Messrs. Guy McCurry and Ralph Young.

The field examiners met the applicants in Micaville on Monday, January 30, intending to examine their prospect. The examination was not made as the applicants said they intended to withdraw their application. The Applicants stated that it was impossible for them to obtain a lease on adjoining land, as it was already leased by another party. They considered it impossible for them to meet the minimum area lease requirements under DMEA regulations.

Withdrawal of the application is recommended.

Robert A. Laurence
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Executive Officer, DMEA
Region V

A. L. Peyton
A. L. Peyton for V. J. Lynch
Member, Bureau of Mines

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

February 8, 1956

Memorandum

To: Mr. R. E. Adams, Chief
Operations Control and Statistics Division

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Withdrawal of Application - Docket No. DMEA-4112-Mica
Guy McCurry and Ralph Young
Randolph Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

The subject application has been withdrawn by the applicant because the area of his lease is too small to warrant consideration for exploration assistance.

The application is therefore considered in inactive status and closed.

James Hopkins
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Surname:

Hopkins
Houk
Johnson

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Messers. Guy McCurry and Ralph Young
Route #2
Burnsville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4112-Mica
Guy McCurry and Ralph Young
Randolph Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 2, 1956 requesting cancellation of your application.

As requested, this case has been transferred to our inactive file and is considered withdrawn.

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 (for)

Administrator

JHopkins:ms 2/8/56
Copy to: Admr. R. File
Docket
Field Team, Region V
Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Houk
Mr. Hopkins

R.G.H.

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SURNAME:

Houk

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Feb. 2, 1956

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Defence Minerals Exploration Admin.
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Sir:
Will you please cancel our application for a loan on the John Randolph property since we don't have a large enough area.

Sincerely Yours,
Ralph E. Young

DOCKET COPY
Surname: Hopkins

Lawrence G. Houk
Mitchell

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Messers. Guy McCurry and Ralph Young
Route 2
Burnsville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4112-Mica
Guy McCurry and Ralph Young
Randolph Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to a letter dated January 3, 1956, from the Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, advising you that the area of your lease is too small to warrant consideration for exploration assistance, and suggesting that you obtain a lease covering at least 5 acres.

We are returning a copy of your lease because the land description will have to be revised if you are able to obtain a larger area. When you have secured the additional acreage, please submit a copy of the revised lease and six executed copies of a Consent to Lien to this office.

Upon receipt of these documents we will continue to process your application.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Enclosure

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January 11, 1956

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA - 4112 (mica)

Applicant: Guy McCurry and Ralph Young

Name and Location of Property: John Randolph Mine, Yancey County, N. C.

Date Application Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Materials: 1/5/56

Comments:

1. The Executive Officer, DMEA, Region V has written the applicant requesting that a lease be obtained covering additional area and owners' Consent to Lien forms.

2. This is a new prospect and no data are available in this office to assist in evaluating the merits of the proposed exploration project.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the field team visit this mine after receipt of requested documents to ascertain if an exploration project is justified. If so, the field team and applicant should agree on a definite plan of exploration on a unit-cost basis.

W. F. Dietrich

W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Re: DMEA 4112
Guy McCurry and Ralph Young
Randolph Mine
Mitchell County, N. C.
$4,485.36 - Mica

Memorandum

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

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

Subject: Review of application.

The applicants request assistance in exploring, at a cost of $4,485.36 by shaft (30') drift (80'), a mica-bearing pegmatite.

As the proposed shaft is only 30 feet deep the drifts would be little more than under cover. Perhaps bulldozing of the outcrop would make it possible to judge the mica potential. If promising, a deeper shaft with drifts could be warranted. A greater depth of pegmatite would be explored and a larger tonnage developed.

Referral to the Field Team is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

January 5, 1956

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V

From: Chief, Operation's Control and Statistics Division

Subject: Assignment of Docket Number

There is listed below the assigned docket number to an application recently received from Region V.

DMEA - 4112 Guy McCurry & Ralph Young

Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division

January 5, 1956

Subject: DMEA-4112
Re: Exploration Assistance
Randolph Mine

Mr. Guy McCurry
Rt. 2
Burnsville, North Carolina

My dear Mr. McCurry:

The receipt of your application dated December 20, 1955, for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4112 and referred to the Nonmetallic Minerals Division.

Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adams, Chief
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

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January 3, 1956

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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Executive Officer, DMEA - Region V - Knoxville

Subject: Application from Guy McCurry and Ralph Young (mica) N. C.

Enclosed are 3 copies of an application received from Guy McCurry and Ralph Young for aid in exploring for strategic mica at the Randolph Mine in Yancey County, N. C., and one copy of the lease. The fourth copy of the application is being kept for our use.

I have written to the applicants explaining the need for the Consent to Lien, which they did not include with their application, and have also advised them that the area of their lease (0.93 acres) is too small.

It is not clear whether this is the same John Randolph Prospect as the one denied in 1953 (DMEA-2852) but I believe it is the same.

Robert A. Laurence

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January 3, 1956

Messrs. Guy McCurry and Ralph Young
Route # 2
Burnsville, North Carolina

Dear Sirs:

Your application for aid in exploration at the John Randolph mica mine in Yancey County, N. C., has been forwarded to our Washington office in accordance with established procedure.

The area of your lease (0.93 acres) is too small to warrant consideration for a DMEA contract. It is therefore suggested that you obtain a lease covering at least 5 acres, with the mine approximately at the center. Also, please have the land owners, John and Frances Randolph sign six of the seven enclosed copies of form MF-203 (Consent to Lien) and send them to me. The seventh copy should be given to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Region V

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MF-103
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. DMEA-4112
Metal or Mineral Mica
Date Received 1-5-56
Estimated Cost $4,485.36
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: Guy McCurry and Ralph Young - Partnership
Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
(See schedule attached for further information of this application)

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract

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Geologic Division
Knoxville, Tenn.

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known.

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise

(*d*) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice.

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore _____

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(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

(*c*) The work will start within _____ days and be completed within _____ months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.—No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. (*a*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☐ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☐ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated December 20, 1955

Young + McCurry (Partnership)
(Applicant)

By Ralph Young

Guy M McCurry

Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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GUY McCURRY and RALPH YOUNG
(PARTNERSHIP)
RT. 2, BURNSVILLE, N. C.

(RANDOLPH MINE)

Form M F- 103

1. (a) Young and McCurry, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
   (b) Partnership
   (c) Does not apply
   (d) Ralph Young, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
   Guy McCurry, Micaville, N. C.

2. Complied with

3. (a) See lease attached
   (b) Randolph mine
   (c) Lessee
   (d) Copy of original lease is attached to the original copy of M. F. -103

4. (a) Prospect
   (b) None
   (c) This prospect is located in the general area of some of the best known mica mines in this section.
   (d) A good road is accessible to this mine, and it is approximately 15 miles from the Spruce Pine Depot, and is located in Brush Creek Township. Five miles from Micaville, N. C.
   (e) Man power, material, supplies, equipment, and electric power is available.

5. (a) Strategic mica
   (b) It is proposed to sink a 30 ft. shaft and then drive a drift 40 ft. North and 40 ft. South in order to pick up the pegmatite.
   (c) Work will begin within thirty days and will be completed within sixty days.
   (d) We have had several years mining experience, and expect to have well qulified miners to help us with this operation.

6. (a) None
   (b)

Foreman	40-8 hr. dys. @ $1.50 hr.	$480.00	
Driller	40-8 hr. dys. @ 1.25 hr.	400.00	
Mucker	40-8 hr. dys. @ 1.00 hr.	320.00	
Hoistman	40-8 hr. dys. @ 1.25 hr.	400.00	
Carpenter	3-8 hr. dys. @ 1.25 hr.	30.00	
Laborer	20-8 hr. dys. @ .90 hr.	144.00	
Engineer	2-8 hr. dys. @ $25.00 dy.	50.00	
			$1,424.00

   (c)

Air hose andsmall tools	200.00	
Steel (3) sets intrasit	210.00	
Power	50.00	
		460.00

(d)	Rented:			
	Air compressor	2 mos. @ $200.00 mo.	$400.00	
	Hammer	2 mos. @ 25.00 mo.	50.00	
	Hoist	2 mos. @ 100.00 mo.	200.00	
				$ 650.00
	Purchased:			
	Column and arm		200.00	
	Dynamite and exploders		450.00	
				650.00
	Furnished by operator:			
	Water pump and pipe	2 mos. @ 20.00 mo.	40.00	
	Fan	2 mos. @ 20.00 mo.	40.00	
	Truck	2 mos. @ 100.00mo.	200.00	
				280.00
(e)	None			
(f)	Tool house (12X 12)and 2 magazines		300.00	
				300.00
(g)	Insurance		250.00	
	Payroll taxes ($1\frac{1}{2}$ % of $1424.00		21.36	
	Misc. Gen. repair, and maintenance		200.00	
				471.36
(h)	Contingencies, wiring, fuel, oil and mis. supplies		250.00	
				250.00

7. (a) Yes
(b) Moneyand with use of equipment owned by us.

$ 4485.36