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BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Memorandum:

To: Reports and Records Branch

From: Chief, Copper Branch

Subject: Application for production loan of Mr. B. M. McCown, 1617 Alabama Street, Silver City, New Mexico, DMA-457, Commodity-Copper

This application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

J. B. Gowen

J.B.Gowen, Chief
Copper Branch

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To: Docket Control Center

From: Chief, Copper Branch

Subject: Application for Production Loan of Mr. R. J. McCoun, DMA 457, Commodity-Copper

This application was withdrawn on October 12, 1951 by the applicant.

Transmitted herewith is the complete file consisting of:

3 NSRB 146
1 DMA Referral of Application for Government Aid
1 Supplemental Examination Report
4 Reports on Austin-Amazon Copper Co.
5 Claim maps
4 Topographic & Surface Maps
3 Location maps
2 DMA Status Change notice
3 Sets of answers with cover letter of J. McCoun to DMA Jan. 2, 1951
1 Summary Report of Minerals Examination Sept. 5, 1950
4 Letters to R. J. McCoun from:
  J. K. Richardson, Jan. 31, 1951
  J. B. Gowen, April 9, 1951
  J. B. Gowen, April 19, 1951
  J. B. Gowen, Aug. 10, 1951
1 Letter to J. K. Richardson from R. J. McCoun, July 12, 1951
1 Memo to Reports & Records from J. B. Gowen, Oct. 16, 1951
1 Memo to P. T. Allsman from W. R. Storms, March 7, 1951
1 Letter to Dr. J. Boyd from C. P. Anderson, April 3, 1951
1 Letter to C. P. Anderson from J. Boyd, April 11, 1951

SIGNED
J. B. Gowen, Chief
Copper Branch

Attachment
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Copy to: Field Team, IV
Copper Branch

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
REGION IV
AUG 13 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Mr. Raymond J. McCoun
1617 Alabama Street
Silver City, New Mexico

Re: Docket No. DMA 457

Dear Mr. McCoun:

This is in acknowledgment and reply to your letter dated July 12, 1951 and addressed to Mr. J. K. Richardson, Chief, Copper Branch.

The Defense Minerals Administration regrets that you are unable to participate in the Exploration Program because of lack of funds. Under the regulations governing the various forms of government assistance, the ore reserves necessary to justify a direct loan must be fairly well established, at least sufficient in estimated grade and tonnage to amortize the loan from expected profits during a given period of time.

We feel that the Austin-Amazon has good geological possibilities but lacks the essential ore reserve qualifications to justify a production loan.

In your letter you mention that you are working the mine as well as you can with your available equipment, and little money. You have not given us a description or breakdown of your present operation, but it might form the basis of an exploration project whereby the Government would match cash against your labor and the rental value of your equipment in case the project is approved. It would be necessary to work out a moderate exploration project possibly along the lines proposed in your original application, but modified to make best use of available funds and labor. Such a project should help interest private capital to further develop the mine.

According to your request your maps and reports were returned under separate cover but the return of these data will not prejudice your application in case you wish us to hold it pending further development.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Gowen

J. B. Gowen, Chief
Copper Branch

Enclosures

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Silver City, N.M.
July 12, 1951

Mr. J. K. Richardson, Chief
Copper Branch
DMA

Re: Docket No. DMA-457

Dear Mr. Richardson:

We were unable to participate in the DMA's exploration project simply because we did not have the funds.

We are working the mine as well as we can with what equipment we have and with very little money.

We are now seeking private money to develop and produce copper..Will you please return to us our report and maps, etc. which were sent to you as we will need them now.

Thank you very much for your interest and for offering us aid under the exploration project.

Very truly yours,

Raymond J. McCoun
1617 Alabama St.
Silver City, N. M.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
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April 9, 1951

Re: Docket No. DMA-457
Austin Amazon, Grant County,
New Mexico

Mr. Raymond J. McCoun
1617 Alabama Street
Silver City, New Mexico

Dear Mr. McCoun:

A study of the data submitted with your application for a loan for development of the Austin-Amazon mine indicates that the project is one of exploration, rather than production. There is no assurance that reserves are sufficient to maintain even a small operation. On the other hand, there appears to be considerable encouragement to undertake exploratory work.

The types of assistance available under the Defense Production Act of 1950 are described in general terms in the attached press releases dated December 5, 1950 and February 20, 1951. We hope the program for assisting in exploration on a basis of matching funds as described in the February 20 statement will be put into effect in a short time. Copies of the regulations and application forms will be sent you as soon as they are available.

Very truly yours,

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J. B. Gowen
J. B. Gowen, Acting Chief
Copper Branch, DMA

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Hon. Clinton P. Anderson
Copy to J. H. East, Jr., 224 New Customhouse, Denver 2, Colorado,
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BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

April 11, 1951

Hon. Clinton P. Anderson
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Clint:

I have your letter of April 3, 1951 asking about the status of the application of Raymond J. McCown and Louis L. Gamer of Silver City, New Mexico for a loan to produce copper. The property in question is known as the Austin-Amazon, Docket No. DMA-457.

Study of the material submitted to Defense Minerals Administration by the applicant, together with reports of the Bureau of Mines on the property, shows that the mine workings are inaccessible and that no assay maps are available. The existence of ore reserves can therefore only be inferred on the basis of the past production record, certain hearsay evidence, and the surface showings. Such inferences are not a sufficient basis for a production project like the one contemplated by the applicants, involving an investment on the order of $100,000.

It may be that the property merits exploration to determine definitely the tonnage and grade of mineable ore. In fact, a letter was going out from the Copper Branch, when your letter was received, to suggest to Mr. McCown that he might take advantage of the forthcoming exploration program of the Defense Minerals Administration. A copy of that letter is enclosed herewith for your information.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES BOYD

Administrator

JBGowen:ba

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UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

April 3, 1951

Dr. James Boyd
Administrator
Defense Minerals Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Reference is had to DMA-457, Raymond J. McCoun and Louis L. Osmer, Silver City, New Mexico. This application was filed back in January, I believe, and I have been contacted to see if we could speed up the field inspection. A telephone call to your office reveals that it has not been sent out to the field. I will appreciate it very much if you will ask for an early report on this, and will also appreciate being advised when it has been sent to the field.

Sincerely yours,

Clinton P. Anderson

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249 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE STREET
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

RETEL 3-18-51, DMA 475, LETTER MAILED YOU CONCERNING YOUR APPLICATION

Tom Lyon

TOM LYON
DIRECTOR, SUPPLY DIVISION

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cc: Administrator
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224 NEW CUSTOMHOUSE
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Mining Division
Region IV

March 13, 1951

Memorandum

To: Lowell B. Moon

From: Chief, Mining Division, Region IV

Subject: Supplemental Report - Proposed Development of the Austin-Amazon Copper Mine, Grant County, New Mexico (Supplement to Soule' 57).

Enclosed are the original and three copies of the subject Supplemental Report.

DMA Docket No. 457 is an application for a development loan on this property and the report should be of interest to those concerned.

In case the loan is denied, we may consider a Bureau project at the property.

W. H. King
For Paul T. Allaman

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BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

January 31, 1951

Re: Docket No. DMA-457

Mr. Raymond J. McCoun
1617 Alabama Street
Silver City, New Mexico

Dear Mr. McCoun:

This acknowledges receipt of the application dated January 3, 1951, in your name and that of Louis L. Osmer, for a loan of $100,000 to develop the Austin Amazon copper mine in the Burro Mt. District, Grant County, New Mexico. The application has been assigned the above docket number, to which reference should be made in any further communications.

The application has been received by the Copper Branch and will be reviewed as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. K. Richardson
J. K. Richardson, Chief
Copper Branch

CHJohnson:ba

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Bureau of Mines - New Mexico Field Office

Mining Division
Date Rec'd.
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Denver, Colorado

TO : Paul T. Allsman, Chief, Mining Division, Denver, Colorado

DATE: January 3, 1951

FROM : John H. Soule', Silver City, New Mexico

SUBJECT: Application for development loan.

DMA 457

Attached are 4 sets of application papers for a DMA loan on the old Austin-Amazon copper mine, Burro Mountains District, Grant County, New Mexico. Each set contains:

1 - Form NSRB-146
1 - Report by J. H. Shockley
1 - Letter to the D.M.A.
1 - Location map
1 - Claim map
1 - Topographic map showing proposed development

These forms were executed by R. J. McCoun and L. L. Osmer of Silver City, N. Mex. These men are purchasing the property.

We are sending these to your office until or unless we receive notice to the contrary.

John H Soule'

John H. Soule' for
W. D. McMillan, Supervising Engineer

cc W.R.Storms, Tucson (no attachments)
reader
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90 enclosures received by Jim

Allsman
Please advise Soule to send forms and reports here
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Is Israell waiting for instructions as to send them direct there pls.

Form 6–98

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