UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Messers. A.D. Miller, C. Adair,
and D. L. Smith
P. O. Box 246
Cuba, New Mexico

RE: Docket No. DMA-509

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This action will not, however, preclude you from submitting at a later date a completed application for a loan or an application for any other type of assistance that may be available under the provisions of the Defense Production Act.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMA-509

Messrs. A. L. Miller, G. Adair
D. L. Smith
P.O. Box 246
Cuba, New Mexico

Dear Sirs:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 13, 1951 to Mr. Lyon.

Before any action can be taken on your request for a $200,000 Government loan submitted by you on June 26, 1951 we will need more information as suggested by Mr. J. K. Richardson's letter of February 1, 1951 and Mr. T. Lyon's of February 22, 1951 to you. A field examination of a property cannot be recommended without more justification than has been submitted with your application.

For your information we are enclosing 2 press releases dated April 11, and May 14, 1951 five copies of Form MF-100 (General Technical Data), and five copies of Form MF-103 (Application for Aid for an Exploration Project).

To facilitate the processing of your application, all questions presented in the above mentioned forms must be answered completely. Also in order to qualify for a government loan, known ore reserves must be of a sufficient grade and tonnage to amortize the loan in a given period of time.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures

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Copy to: Executive Secretary, w.c.i.
Mr. J. H. East, Jr. (2) w.c.i.
Copper Branch, Room 2522, w.c.i.
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June 13, 1951
P.O. Box 246
Cuba, New Mexico

Re: Docket No. DMA-509

United States Department of Interior
Defense Minerals Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention Mr. Tom Lyon, Chief Copper Branch

Dear Mr. Lyon:

Referring to your letter of February 22, 1951 and in regards to our application for loan to produce copper from deposits in the vicinity of Cuba.

In our application and in other correspondence we stated that we felt that we had sufficient copper deposits and of rich enough ore that it was worth the while of our government to assist us in developing our prospects. We still feel that this is so, and again make application for our loan.

As to our employing an engineer to prepare an application we feel that this would be an unnecessary expense to us and the government when the Department of Interior, Defense Minerals Administration is so vitally concerned in securing copper for defense needs. And also in view of the fact that the Defense Minerals Administration no doubt have a corps of competent engineers who could visit and confer with us on the scene.

I am enclosing a copy of the report made up by the American Smelting and Refining Company of El Paso, Texas on a truck load of ore we shipped to them in May. No doubt this report will give you a little something more to go on.

Your early reply is requested and we hope that it will be a little more favorable.

Very truly yours,

A. D. Miller, George Adair, D. L. Smith

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P.S. Would like to form the Nacimiento Copper Company. This is the Nacimiento (or Origin or Birth) division of the Jemez Range of Mtns. and might be applicable in the naming of a copper company.

I also gave a copy of the enclosed report to Prof. Dewey Sample, Geologist, Department of Interior.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 22, 1951

Re: Docket No. DMA-509

Mr. A. D. Miller
Box 70
Cuba, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Miller:

This acknowledges your letter of February 12, 1951, with reference to your loan application for $200,000 to produce copper from deposits in the vicinity of Cuba.

I regret to have to state that you still have not given us sufficient information to appraise your application or even to justify requesting an investigation by the field staff.

Previous investigations of the copper deposits in that region have shown them to be definitely uneconomic. They were examined by geologist and engineers of the Department of the Interior during the last war, and no basis for production was found, although at that time copper was in great demand, as it is now.

If you wish to go ahead with your loan application, it will be necessary to present a more complete project proposal, with suitable description of the deposits and with estimates of the cost of production. You might be well advised, before going to the expense of employing an engineer to prepare such an application, to visit the offices of the New Mexico Bureau of Mines, at Socorro, and the office of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, at Silver City. Both of these have a good deal of information on the Jemez Mt. Copper deposits.

Very truly yours,

JVE

/s/ Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Chief
Copper Branch

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Copy to E. H. East, 224 New Customhouse, Denver 2, Colorado.
W. C. I.
Executive Officer
Copper Commodity Committee
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Copy to Dave 3/7/51

United States
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

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

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Dear Mr. Richardson:

In reply to your letter of February 1, 1951 re our application forms requesting financial assistance in opening copper mines. We shall attempt to furnish you herewith all the necessary information. Wish to state however, andI am sure you will realize, that some of our figures perforce must be stimates until we can secure the professional advice of your team of Bureau of Mines-Geological Survey tema. Our primary concern is to assure you that we have sufficiently large deposits of copper ore located to interest you, especially in view of the shortage of this metal.

(1) General description of mineral showings: We have deposits in sandstone formation, shale formation, and gravel deposits. All of the deposits we have claim to so far are outcroppings that showed up easily to we amateur prospectors, and in most cases turned out to be old mining claims; some of which had a great deal of work on them and some hardly enough to prove up on assessment work.

(2) Known dimensions of the deposits: As far as we can ascertain these deposits are quite extensive. In fact they must be far more extensive han even we dream of because the claims are quite widely located. We feel that copper is deposited under this entire area. By this area I mean the entire Naciemento Division of the Nemez Mtns. extending approximately thirty miles north and south and fifteen miles east and west. The village of Jemez Springs on the south, Regina to Coyote on the north and Cuba on the west.

(3) History of deposit (development work, ore shipments, etc.) During the period of 1900 to about 1920 copper deposits were worked along the western lopes of the Jemez Mtns., expecially in the vicinity of Cuba. Old timers here advise me that approximately 2000 persons were employed or supported by these workings exclusive of the ranchers and farmers in and near Cuba. One or two small smelters were in operation. The entire operations were rather sporadic and dur to the great distance of hauling by team, operations vinally "petered out". The majority of the claims we have are higher in the mountains and a very very small amount of ore was hauled out due to absence of raods, lack of interest etc.

(4) Description of mine workings: Not much description can be given due to the fact that they were worked so long ago that they have caved in and evidence of work has deteriorated so greatly.

(5) Samplings and assays (including maps or sketches, if available) We forwarded you one assay report which is about average or below gor these deposits (some of these claims will run quite a higher copper percentage) No comprehensive maps or sk tches are available.

(6) Engineer's or geologists' reports, if available: Only the assay repott we forwarded with our application.

(7) Description of surface and underground installations and equipment (hoist, compressors, drilling machines, crushers, mill, milling equipment, offices, housing etc.) None on locations.

(8) Description of proposed project, including type of assistance desired; and (9) requirements for proposed projects in terms of money, manpower, construc ion, equipment, supplies, roads, water supply, and time to carry our project:

First of all these old and new claims are all located within the Santa Fe National Forest. We have a district Forest Ranger in Cuba who will assist us in securing ingress and egress rights, road building, water rights, etc. Would like to consult with your Bureau of Mines*Geological Survey team as to where to locate smelter. As soon as smelter location is determined we shall erect an office, and make proparations for erection of smelter, other housing necessary, road, etc. For a beginning we would employ a man to be in charge of the smelting operations with about three assistants. Two miners who should also be power men; three truch drivers, and about six muckers. We three partners will handle the office detail and general supervision.

Financially we feel that we need the following:

$100,000,000	Smelter, compressors and allief tools.
20,000,000	Dozer for road Buildings etc.
20,000,000	Dump tructs and four-wheel-drive winch trucks.
60,000,000	Office, housing, insurance, overhead and other incidentals and salaries for six months until we start shipping copper
$200,000,000	Total Loan

Repayment of loan to be made a soon as practicable. We should prefer to pay the government 50% of the net profits at the end of each year. Another reason for requesting a smelter here is due to the fact that our nearest smelter is about 350 miles distant. Also would like to advise that our total claims at the

present amount to 240 acres. It is felt that as soon as we can get a smelter in operation other claims would be staked and we could smelt their ore on a percentage basis.

Hoping for an early and favorable reply, we remain

Very truly yours,

A. D. Miller, Partner D. L. Smith, Partner G. W. Adair, Partner

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
REGION IV
FEB 7 - 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

February 1, 1951

Mr. A. D. Miller
P. O. Box 70
Cuba, New Mexico

DMA - 509

Dear Mr. Miller:

The application tendered by George Adair, D. L. Smith, and [redacted] yourself, has been assigned the above docket nu[redacted] correspondence relative to this matter, kindly refer to [redacted] for ease of identification.

I am enclosing herewith a press release dated December 5, and I wish to call your attention to the final paragraph of this release. It gives you the essential information we must have before considering any application for assistance.

It is noted on your application form that you have neglected to sign it; you give no indication as to the amount of money requested, nor the terms under which you propose to repay it.

You indicate that you would like to have a field examination made of this property, but from the information you have given us there is not sufficient justification for our sending a team there. It is for this reason I am requesting the additional information.

Very truly yours,

J. K. Richardson

J. K. Richardson
Chief, Copper Branch

Enclosure

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Executive Officer Field Team IV
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January 23, 1951

Mr. A. D. Miller
Cuba, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Miller:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 15, 1951, requesting application forms for Government mining loan.

We are enclosing five copies of Form ERDS-146, Application for Government Loan under Section 302 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, an outline indicating the type of information you should furnish with your application, and a copy of a press release dated December 5 describing the type of assistance that can be given to mining enterprises. The last paragraph of the release also outlines the type of information we need.

You should forward four copies of the application to this office, or you may forward them direct to Dr. James Boyd, Administrator, Defense Minerals Administration, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Bunt, Jr.
Regional Director

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JAN 19 1951.
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Cuba N. Mex.
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U. S. Bureau of
Mines,
Would you please
send me an
application for
a loan for the
purpose of opening
up a mine,
which is copper
& runs 4%.

Resp. Yours.
A. D. Miller,
Cuba
N. Mex.

Form 6-98

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