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Mr. T. B. Matson
1100 W. Walnut, Box 879
Coleman, Texas

Re: Docket DMEA-4550 (Uranium-Copper)
T. B. Matson, et al
(St. Jude group)
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Matson,

In compliance with a request from the Chairman, Operating Committee, DMEA, we are returning herewith two copies each of the following items which were submitted with your application.

Plat of St. Jude Lode Mining Claims 1-15

Five (5) assay certificates

Geologic Report (3 pages)

Sixteen copies of Notices of Lode Mining Locations.

Yours very truly,

Original signed by
E. N. HARSHMAN

E. N. Harshman
Acting Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region III

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cc: Chmn. Op. Comm. (2)
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Mr. T. B. Matson
1100 W. Walnut, Box 879
Coleman, Texas

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4550 (Uranium-copper)
T. B. Matson, et al.
St. Jude Group
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Matson:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 8, 1957.

In Article 4(c) of the sample copy of the application form enclosed, you will note that technologic exhibits should be marked if they are to be returned to the applicant. A review of your application discloses no such notation having been made.

Except for technical information data, we do not return any of the other material submitted with an application. Copies of each application are sent to our Regional Office for review and are retained in their files.

From the Washington file we are returning the following:

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Two copies each of five (5) assay certificates.

Two copies of a Geologic Report (3 pages).

Sixteen copies of Notices of Lode Mining Locations.

We are requesting our Regional Office to return any copies of the above-listed material in its files to you.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson (for)

ACTING Administrator

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Mr. W. H. Traver
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III
224 New Customhouse Building
Denver 2, Colorado

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4550 (Uranium-copper)
T. B. Matson, et al.
St. Jude Group
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Traver:

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory letter, dated February 8, 1957, from Mr. T. B. Matson, and our response of today.

Our file does not disclose whether or not you retained copies of the sixteen Notices of Lode Mining Location when you forwarded the copies of the application to this office. However, in accordance with our letter to the Applicant, kindly forward any of the listed material you may have in the two copies retained by the Field Team.

Please forward this material direct to the Applicant, and send copies of your transmittal letter to this office.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

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APPROVED:

Frank D. Lamb (FDL)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (THK)
Member, Geological Survey

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Coleman, Texas
February 8, 1957

Mr. C. O. Mittendorf
U. S. Dept. of the Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Adm.
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4550 (Uranium-copper)
T. B. Matson, Et. Al.
St. Jude Group
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

We have your letter of January 28th, again stating that our application for assistance has been denied, however, you did not answer our question as to the percentage one should have to find before your department would give assistance.

Regarding the material we wished returned. In the original application there is a space provided for the applicant's desire if they wish the entire file returned or not, and we checked that we did want the file returned. Evidently your lieutenants did not pay any particular attention to our application, perhaps because it was not for enough loan. However, it is the complete application, attachments and all that we want returned.

Just for your information; at the time our application was presented, there was no adjacent area that has been worked to produce significant tonnage of ore-grade material. The nearest workings were twelve miles away, and our formations were not similiar. The nearest similiarity to our formation was Grants, New Mexico, and I believe their findings have produced sufficient tonnage.

There is some consolation in knowing that Steen 's findings were first turned down by government engineers. We realize your department is flushed with work, and it is difficult to give each application a complete investigation. It would be much easier to work on a percentage basis and some would have to fall in the denial percent.

Trusting you will return all copies of our complete application, and thanking you for the time your department has spent on same, I remain

Sincerely yours

T. B. Matson

T. B. Matson
Box 879
Coleman, Texas

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JAN 28 1957

Mr. T. B. Matson
1100 W. Walnut, Box 879
Coleman, Texas

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4550 (Uranium-copper)
T. B. Matson, et al.
St. Jude Group
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

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Dear Mr. Matson:

This is in response to your letter of January 18, relating to the above-referenced application and also to your question in regard to a statement in Mr. Johnson's letter, dated January 10, 1957, in which the application was denied without prejudice.

The statement "... and other information available to us in Washington ..." refers to all available information that has been compiled by various State and Federal organizations who have investigated the mineral possibilities of not only your claims but also the adjacent area.

The assays of samples taken from your property, as submitted, indicate some good copper and minor uranium mineralization. According to our information, it is possible to obtain high-grade copper and uranium assays in the type of sandstone exposed; however, in the adjacent area no significant tonnages of ore-grade material have been produced from any of the numerous prospect workings.

In view of this information and the data submitted with the application, in our opinion the proposed exploration would at best do little more than prove the extension of what might be considered a small deposit of submarginal uraniferous copper ore.

If you have any additional information that could materially alter our opinion concerning the possibility of making a significant discovery on your property, we will be pleased to give it every consideration. The denial of your application, without prejudice to the property, was made with that thought in mind.

In regard to the return of exhibits submitted with the application, we can find no record in our files that you made such a request. Will you kindly advise this office the specific exhibits you wish returned.

FMMurphy/gla
1-25-57
cc to: Admr.'s Reading File
Operating Committee
Code 700, Mr. Murphy

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

cc: DMEA Field Team,
Reg.III(2) w/2cc Mr.
Matson's letter
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Coleman, Texas
January 18, 1957

Mr. Frank E. Johnson, Acting Administrator
United States Department of the Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. Dmea-550
(Uranium-copper)
St. Jude Group
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of January 10, 1957 denying assistance in future exploration of the above-named property, and after carefully reading it would appreciate an explanation of some of the statements made therein.

Have noted, in particular, the first paragraph, Quote "Your application for aid in an exploration project and other information available to us in Washington concerning the above-named property have been reviewed." I am at a complete loss to understand the portion of this paragraph that I have underlined. It was my belief that before an application was approved or rejected, the Government would have their engineers inspect the property in the presents of the applicant, and your department has not requested this step taken.

It is most difficult to understand the purpose of "Defense Minerals Exploration Administration". It was my impression; as I am sure it would be the impression of any tax paying American Citizen who applies for aid, after carefully reading the pamphlet and instructions obtained from the department; that it's purpose is to aid and further the development of our natural resourses.

At the present time I have spent approximately as much money on the development of the above claims, as was requested in my application. The assays submitted have shown that there is commercial uranium on the claims, and the assays of the copper are certainly of the highest content that I have heard of anywhere. In fact they were most astonishing to the assay offices that tested them, and government umpires were called in to run a test and verify the findings. It is true that I do not know the amount of ore in this project, however, if that information was known I would not have had to apply for a loan, could have borrowed money from the Chase National Bank.

I feel certain the department was not set up for a few select applicants, but for the American public and meritorious properties. If the assays of the ores taken from this property do not show their mineral contents to be of a degree high enough to warrant the approval of the meager amount requested in my application I will appreciate you advising me the scale you use to approve or disapprove applications, so that if I should ever want to submit another application I will know without wasting my time or the time of the employees in the department.

I did not merely stake claims and apply for government assistance. I first had them checked by highly recognized geologists, and after getting a very favorable report I had them surveyed by one of the oldest and most reputable engineering companies in Albuquerque, N. M. Built roads and did all the necessary discovery work at a cost much in excess of the required expenditure. These claims were examined and an assay made by the AEC men stationed in the Cuba, N. M. territory and the report I received was extremely good.

I requested in my application the return of the files and to date have not received them. If you will not reconsider my application will you please return them immediately.

Will also await your reply to this letter giving more specific reasons for disapproving the application.

Sincerely yours,

Thos. B. Matson

Thos. B. Matson
Box 879
Coleman, Texas

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cc: Mr. W. M. Traver
Denver 2, Colorado.

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JAN 10 1957

Mr. T. B. Matson, et al.
1100 W. Walnut, Box 879
Coleman, Texas

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4550
(Uranium-copper)
St. Jude Group
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Matson:

Your application for aid in an exploration project and other information available to us in Washington concerning the above-named property 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, although noting evidence of some copper and uranium mineralization on your property, indicates to us that the probability of disclosing significant ore reserves is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you that, under these circumstances, your application for exploration assistance is denied. Such denial, however, is made without prejudice to the property. In the event further work on your part discloses new and more favorable evidence of ore deposition on the property, we shall be pleased to consider a new application.

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

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson (for)
ACTING Administrator

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DMEA Field Team, Reg. III (2)
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January 7, 1957

Summary of Proposed Project

Object: Denial of application for exploration aid.

Docket No. DMEA-4550

Commodity: Uranium-copper

Amount of Application: $6,100.00

Applicant: T. B. Matson, et al.
1100 W. Walnut, Box 879
Coleman, Texas

Property Rights: Lease on St. Jude group of 16 claims situated in secs. 11 and 12, T. 21 N., R. 2 E., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Date of Application: November 17, 1956

Grand Junction Memorandum; Dated December 10, 1956 by Howard F. Albee, USGS, and M. H. Salsbury, USBM

The Cutler formation of Permian age crops out on the claims. Numerous copper-uranium deposits are known in the area, however, none has proved to be of commerical size or grade.

AEC personnel have done recent reconnaissance work on the property. They state that the potential ore-bearing beds are in an Arkosic sandstone about 30 feet thick and that the mineralized material is associated with carbonaceous trash along bedding planes in the basal 2 to 3 feet of the sandstone. The mineralization shows no apparent relation to fractures.

The Applicant has bulldozed some trenches on the property that expose the potential ore-bearing beds. The beds show spotty, lenticular, and irregular deposits of sub ore-grade material. Malachite and scattered azurite are visible in the north prospect for a distance of about 35 feet and in the south prospect for about 100 feet through a thickness of from a knife-edge to 3 feet. No uranium minerals are visible.

A 24-inch long channel sample, cut by AEC personnel from the south prospect, assayed 0.09% U_3O_8 and 5.56% Cu.; a 14-inch long channel sample from the north prospect assayed 0.02% U_3O_8 and no copper.

The AEC reconnaissance report gave the property a potential of "a few hundred tons of sub-commerical uraniferous copper ore" and does not recommend further work.

As a result of an evaluation of this report and of a conference with AEC personnel the field examiners recommended that the application be denied without a field examination, because they believe no further information would be obtained. The Field Team concurred in this recommendation.

Commodity Member's Comments: (excerpts)

USBM, J. E. Crawford, January 2, 1957:

Mr. Crawford recommends that the application be denied without prejudice.

USGS, T. H. Kiilsgaard, January 3, 1957:

Mr. Kiilsgaard reviews the points brought out in the Grand Junction memorandum and states that the property does not appear to warrant exploration for uranium, although it might be reasonably good for copper; however, he notes that there have been innumerable exploration projects on oxidized copper deposits in sandstone in the southwest during the past 50 years, which have almost invariably proved discouraging.

Mr. Kiilsgaard concludes that he does not believe a field examination would add much to what is already known of the deposit and therefore concurs in the Field Team's recommendation to deny the application without a field examination.

Rare & Miscellaneous Metals Division: F. M. Murphy, Jan. 8, 1957:

The Applicant proposed 3,000 feet of non-core and 250 feet of core drilling to explore from the north deposit on St. Jude No. 10 claim in a north direction and from the south deposit in a nearly west direction. Judging from the grade of material exposed in the two trenches it does not appear that following out these mineralized beds would result in finding better grade ore. ~~being found~~.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

This Division agrees that a field examination would not add enough additional information on the property to justify it. Therefore, we concur in the Field Team's recommendation that the application be denied. As only one claim appears to have been prospected by the Applicant, we recommend that the denial be made without prejudice because future work on the other claims might show that the property has possibilities as a copper producer, with uranium as a by-product.

Ernest Wm. Ellis

Ernest Wm. Ellis, Chief
Rare & Miscellaneous
Metals Division

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 3, 1957

Re: DMEA 4550
T. B. Matson property
Rio Arriba County, N.Mex.

Memorandum

To: E. W. Ellis, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: T. H. Kiilsgaard, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of application

The applicant proposes to explore his property by drilling and bulldozing, the estimated cost of which totals $6,100.00. Two uraniferous copper deposits are reported to occur on the property, both in an arkosic sandstone member. The northernmost deposit is apparently weakly mineralized although some malachite and scattered azurite are visible along a distance of about 35 feet. In the southern deposit the basal section of the arkosic member is mineralized along a length of about 100 feet, the thickness of the mineralized member ranging from a knife's edge to 3 feet. A 2-foot sample across this member assayed 0.09% U_3O_8 and 5.56 percent copper. Other assays given in the application indicate good copper values but it is not known where or how these samples were taken.

The AEC has made a recent reconnaissance study of this deposit. The Field Team in Grand Junction have seen the AEC report and have noted that no additional information could be obtained by another field examination. They therefore recommend denial without field examination.

From the assay information and description of the geology this property does not appear to warrant exploration for uranium. It looks reasonably good from a copper standpoint; however, there have been innumerable exploration projects on oxidized copper deposits in sandstone in the southwest during the past 50 years, which have almost invariably proved discouraging. It is possible to get high copper assays from these sandstone deposits, but tonnagewise the grade rarely exceeds 1 percent copper. The deposits are lenticular, are most prevalent in porous sandstones with abundant carbon trash, and in many other ways similar in habitat to the uranium deposits in channeled sandstones. The proposed exploration of the applicant's property would at best do little other than prove the extension of what should be considered as a small deposit of submarginal uraniferous copper ore.

I believe the applicant could better invest his money elsewhere than in the proposed exploration program. I also do not believe a field examination would add much to what is already known of the deposit; therefore, I concur with the Field Team in recommending denial without a field examination.

T. H. Kiilsgaard

T. H. Kiilsgaard

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

Date January 2, 1957

DMEA Docket No. 4550
DMEA Contract No.
Commodity Copper--Uranium
Name of applicant T. B. Matson
Name of property St. Jude Group
Location of property Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
Estimated cost of project $6,100.00

Memorandum

To: Ernest William Ellis, DMEA Member
Uranium Commodity Committee

From: John E. Crawford, Bureau of Mines Member
Uranium Commodity Committee

Subject: Review of Application
(Application, Field Team Report, etc.)

1. Date of subject document: 11/17/56. 2. Date received by reviewer: 12/18/56.

3. Prior reports on this property known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [x]

4. Prior reports on nearby properties known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [x]

5. Information available on past production: Yes [ ] No [x]

6. Other pertinent factors known to reviewer: Yes [ ] No [x]

7. Explain items marked yes above:
AEC reconnaissance of subject area indicates further work unwarranted.

8. Factors needing special consideration:
a. Location [ ]
b. Ownership [ ]
c. Evidence of mineralization [ ]
d. Geology [ ]
e. Proposed exploration method [ ]
f. Alternate exploration method [ ]
g. Costs [ ]
h. _____ [ ]

9. Action advised:
a. Obtain information from applicant [ ]
b. Refer to Field Team [ ]
c. Denial [x] without prejudice
d. Agree with Field Team [x]
e. Disagree with Field Team [ ]
f. Suggest alternate plan [ ]
g. Request another examination [ ]
h. Approval [ ]
i. Consult with Mr. _____ at _____ AEC office.

10. Remarks: (Use back of page if necessary) Mr. J. O. Hosted, Washington representative of the Atomic Energy Commission, assisted in the review.

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

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Denver 2, Colorado

December 13, 1956

Memorandum

To: Secretary to the Operating Committee

From: DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Docket DMEA 4550 (copper-uranium) T. B. Matson, et al (St. Jude Group) Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Enclosed are the original and three copies of a joint memorandum of review of the subject application by members of the Grand Junction Office, DMEA.

They discussed the subject application with AEC personnel. Their evaluation of the AEC reconaissance report indicates that no further information would be obtained by a field examination. They recommend, therefore, that the application be denied without a field examination. We concur in this recommendation.

DMEA Field Team, Region III

W. M. Traver

By W. M. Traver
Executive Officer

Enclosures

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

P. O. Box 360
Grand Junction, Colorado

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December 10, 1956

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Through: E. N. Harshman
J. William Hasler

From: Howard F. Albee
M. H. Salsbury

Subject: Application for DMEA aid, (Copper-Uranium)
T. B. Matson, et al, St. Jude group, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

The applicant wishes to explore for copper and uranium on claims located in the Cutler formation of Permian age. The area is one in which numerous copper-uranium occurrences are known, although none has proved to be of commercial size and grade.

Atomic Energy Commission personnel have done recent reconnaissance work on the property. They state that the potential ore bearing beds are in an arkosic sandstone about 30 feet thick and that the mineralized material is associated with carbonaceous trash along bedding planes in the basal 2 to 3 feet of the sandstone. The mineralization shows no apparent relation to fractures.

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The reconnaissance report gave the property a potential of "a few hundred tons of sub-commercial uraniferous copper ore" and does not recommend further work.

The results of an evaluation of the reconnaissance report and of a conference with AEC personnel indicate that no further information could be obtained by a field examination. Denial of the application, therefore, is recommended without a field examination.

J. M. Byers, Jr.
for Howard F. Albee,
Geological Survey

M. H. Salsbury
M. H. Salsbury,
Bureau of ~~Mines~~

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

November 26, 1956

Mr. T. B. Matson, et al.
1100 W. Walnut, Box 879
Coleman, Texas

Subject: DMEA-4550

Dear Mr. Matson

Your application for exploration assistance, dated November 17, 1956 submitted to our office at Denver, has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4550 and referred to the Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division in the Washington office. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this Docket Number.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Allen S. Dakan

Allen S. Dakan, Director
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

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

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224 New Customhouse
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November 21, 1956

Memorandum

To: Secretary to the Operating Committee

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Application for DMEA Aid (Copper-Uranium) T. B. Matson, et al (Secs. 11 and 12, T21N., R2E) Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Enclosed are two copies of the subject application in the amount of $6,100.00. One copy of the application is being forwarded to the Grand Junction Office, DMEA for their review and recommendations concerning the advisability of a field examination, and one copy of the application is being retained in our files.

Your attention is called to the fact that no drill bids are included with the application and the map attached shows only the area on which drilling is proposed without any drilling layout.

W. M. Traver

W. M. Traver

Coleman, Texas
November 12, 1956

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REGION III
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The Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Rare and Miscellaneous Minerals
4449 Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Attn: Mr. W. M. Traver
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region III
224 New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

Gentlemen:

Attached is an application for aid in a uranium and copper exploration project. The claims relative to this application have been properly validated in compliance with Federal and New Mexico laws. Roads have been completed and discovery holes dug on each claim, and the claims have been properly surveyed. Geological surveys have been made by a competent geologist as per enclosure No. 1 to application.

Mr. Q. M. Drunzer, a competent Geologist-Mining Engineer highly recommended by A. S. & R., also examined the properties and advised that further exploration be conducted.

The cost of exploration is as near as we can ascertain at this time. If your government geologists and engineers examine the claims and find that they merit government support, an adjustment of our present figures may be required.

I sincerely hope that the attached papers are found to be in order, and I will greatly appreciate the application being expedited as soon as possible so that work may begin if the loam is approved.

Yours very truly,

T. B. Matson

T. B. Matson
Box 879
Coleman, Texas

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Encl:

1 - Geologist's Report by R. C. Wild
2 - Assay
3 - Photostatic copies of mining lease assignment to T. B. Matson
4 - Surveyor's plat of 16 Mining Claims (with grid over-print)

MF-103
(Revised April 1952)

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

DMEA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NOV 21 1956
REGION III
DENVER, COLORADO

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. 4550
Metal or Mineral Uranium - Copper
Date Received 11-26-56
Estimated Cost $6,100
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: T. B. Matson, et al.
1100 W. Walnut, Box 879
Coleman, Texas
Phone: 7610

Partnership- T. B. Matson 50%
Eula B. Nehls and
Francis Louise (Peggy) Nehls 50%
Marshall, Texas

(*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.

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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 Sixteen(16) claims in Sections 11 and 12, Township 21 North, Range 2 East, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico as shown in attached map by Ross-Beyer Engineering Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico (registered surveyors)

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. Known only by above described claims.

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

(*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. Photostatic copy of mineral lease.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it Land owned by Federal Government.

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

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.

5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you will be to explore copper and uranium

(*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. as soon as possible

(*c*) The work will start within 1 days and be completed within 6 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)? Yes

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

[x] Money [x] 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 Nov. 17, 1956

H. B. Matson et al
(Applicant)

By H. B. Matson

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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Box 879
Coleman, Texas

3. Applicant's property rights.-

f. ST. JUDE CLAIMS 1 thru 16: (Recorded Tierra Amarilla, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.)

1. Notice of Claim No. 1 dated 9/3/56 by T. B. Matson, Eula B. Nehls, and Frances Louise (Peggy) Nehls, recorded in Book 29, Page 69 of Mining Claim Records.

2. Notice of Claim No. 2 dated 9/3/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 69 of Mining Claim Records.

3. Notice of Claim No. 3 dated 9/3/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 70 of Mining Claim Records.

4. Notice of Claim No. 4 dated 9/3/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 70 of Mining Claim Records.

5. Notice of Claim No. 5 dated 9/4/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 71 of Mining Claim Records.

6. Notice of Claim No. 6 dated 9/4/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 71 of Mining Claim Records.

7. Notice of Claim No. 7 dated 9/4/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 72 of Mining Claim Records.

8. Notice of Claim No. 8 dated 9/4/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 72 of Mining Claim Records.

9. Notice of Claim No. 9 dated 9/5/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 73 of Mining Claim Records.

10. Notice of Claim No. 10 dated 9/5/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 73 of Mining Claim Records.

11. Notice of Claim No. 11 dated 9/5/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 74 of Mining Claim Records.

12. Notice of Claim No. 12 dated 9/5/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 74 of Mining Claim Records.

13. Notice of Claim No. 13 dated 9/5/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 75 of Mining Claim Records.

14. Notice of Claim No. 14 dated 9/5/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 75 of Mining Claim Records.

15. Notice of Claim No. 15 dated 9/5/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 76 of Mining Claim Records.

16. Notice of Claim No. 16 dated 9/5/56 by same parties recorded in Book 29, Page 76 of Mining Claim Records.

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4. Physical description:

(a) No exploration operations now being carried out. Roads have been constructed and discovery holes dug in accordance with New Mexico and Federal Law.

(b) There has been no production from these claims.

(c) See enclosures Nos. 1 (Geologist's Report) and 2 (Assay).

(d) See enclosure No. 1. Nearest shipping point for copper is American Smelting and Refining Company, El Paso, Texas. Nearest shipping point for uranium is Kerr-Mc Gee, Shiprock, New Mexico. Nearest supply and residence points, 11 miles (Coyote, New Mexico).

(e) There is an ample source of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water and power.

5. The exploration project:

(a) Copper and uranium.

(b) See enclosed Geologist's report (enclosure No. 1).

(c) The work will start as soon as possible and will be completed within approximately six (6) months.

(d) The operating experience and background of the applicant is nil, however, the supervisor of operations is a capable Geologist who is familiar with the area.

6. Estimate of costs:

(a)	1. Drilling and probing 3,000' @ $1.00 per ft.	$ 3,000.00	
	2. Bulldozer work(Clearing drilling sights 24 hrs. @ $12.50 per hr.)	300.00	
	3. Reserve for coring(should it be found advisable) 250' @ $4.00 per ft.	1,000.00	$ 4,300.00
(b)	Geological examination, drilling supervision, sampling, etc. 30 days @ $ 50.00 per day.	$ 1,500.00	1,500.00
(c)	Included in drilling and dozer estimate.		
(d)	None		
(e)	None		
(f)	None		
(g)	None		
(h)	Assaying	$ 300.00	300.00
		TOTAL	$ 6,100.00

7. (b) Explanation in detail:

We are prepared to pay in cash our proportionate share of the total cost for exploration.

GEOLOGIC REPORT ON SIXTEEN MINING CLAIMS SITUATED IN SECTIONS 11 AND 12, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ABSTRACT

An examination of the St. Jude mining claims presently held by Mr. T. B. Matson was conducted in an attempt to determine if geological conditions present warrant further exploration, and to evaluate the economic potential of two mineral deposits occurring on the group of claims.

Rocks of the Permian Cutler formation crop out on the claims. Both mineral deposits occur in arkosic sands believed to be middle Cutler in age.

Controlling factors of both mineral deposits appear to have been the presence of carbonaceous material and the relatively high porosity of the channel-like arkoses.

The origin of both deposits appears to be epithermal.

INTRODUCTION

The sixteen St. Jude mining claims are located in Sections 11 and 12, Township 21 North, Range 2 East in the Santa Fe National Forest, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The claims are also located on a mesa on the east flank of the San Pedro mountains. The nearest village is Coyote, New Mexico which is approximately ten miles northeast of said claims. An all-weather Forest Service road passes near the northern extremity of the group of claims.

The claims have been surveyed and discovery work has apparently been conducted in accordance with mining laws.

To my knowledge no previous geological work has been done on the claims as such.

Exploration work by T. B. Matson consists of dozer work on the two deposits in an attempt to reveal the extent of mineralization and the digging of discovery pits.

Though the two deposits are in close proximity they differ greatly in many aspects and shall be dealt with separately when conditions are not harmonious. For clarification during this report the northermost deposit shall be designated as Deposit No. 1 and sothermost deposit as Deposit No. 2.

GENERAL GEOLOGY

Rocks varying in age from Pre-Cambrian to Tertiary crop out in a radius of a few miles of the claims. Pre-Cambrian quartzite, schists, and granite form the core of the San Pedro mountains a few miles to the west of the St. Jude claims. Resting on the Pre-Cambrian, with its uppermost member a few hundred feet below the present topography, is the Madera formation of Pennsylvanian age. Above the Madera formation is

the Cutler formation of Permian age. Both mineral deposits occur in the middle Cutler. These are clastic rocks consisting of brownish-red, brownish-gray, and greenish-gray arkose, interbedded with brownish-red and red clays and silts.

The Cutler is mesa capping in the vicinity of the claims with a gentle dip to the northeast. To the west, tertiary sedimentary rock of the Santa Fe formation overlie the Cutler. A few miles to the southeast, Tertiary and Quarternary rhyolitic to basaltic flows and tuffs make up the Jemez Plateau.

Difference in relief is only slight on the claims. However, the arkoses stand out as smoothly rounded ridges while the clays and silts form broad shallow valleys.

Locally, drainage is rectangular but only as part of a large dendritic pattern.

DEPOSIT NO. 1

This occurrence of mineralization, consisting primarily of uranium with only insignificant traces of copper, is found in a brownish, loosely cemented, fine grained arkose. The arkose, being more resistant to weathering than the surrounding clays and silts, stands out as a smoothly rounded cigar shaped ridge trending N 10° W and extends in that direction off the group of claims.

Dozer work has revealed the arkose to be lenticular in cross section with a maximum width of 20 feet and a maximum exposed height of 8 feet. Near the western extremity of the exposure, laminae dip 4° toward the center and at the eastern extremity dip 20° toward the center, revealing the arkose as a probable old stream bed.

The uranium is associated with carbonaceous material disseminated as flakes or grains through the arkose with decided enrichment along the carbonaceous laminae. No uranium minerals are visible. However, chemical analysis indicates their presence. No attempt has been made to determine if the mineralization continues in the direction of the probable channel.

DEPOSIT NO. 2

This occurrence is exposed on the face of an arkose outcrop 65 feet in width and 25 feet in height. The arkose is light gray in color and appears to be highly bleached in comparison to other outcrops in the general area. This also possesses channel characteristics as did the uranium deposit. As in the other deposit this arkose is cigar shaped in map view with a trend of N 70° W and extends in that direction for at least 200 yards and off the group of claims in question.

Again a face has been exposed by dozer work revealing the mineralization. The uranium in this case is associated with disseminated remnants of carbonized wood as are some of the copper minerals.

The relationship between the carbonized wood and the copper is by no means general in this deposit. The major portion of the copper mineralization is not associated with the carbonized wood but is disseminated in the non-carbonaceous arkose. Malachite, the most abundant mineral, fills fractures in quartz grains and forms as halos around grains and fills pore spaces.

An encouraging show of copper is exposed in the basal one-third of the exposure, where malachite impregnates the arkose as described above in a zone 3 feet in height and 15 feet in length. Some azurite is exposed in this zone but is more commonly found forming as a halo around bits of carbonized wood.

Some attempt on the part of the owner has been made to determine the linear extent of the copper mineralization by doing more dozer work along the trend of the arkose outcrop. This work was conducted some 60 feet from the exposure just described and did reveal further mineralization to some extent. It is felt however that the work was not carried to a sufficient depth to encounter a continuation of the major copper mineralized zone.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Various favorable features found on the deposits include the following: Deposit No. 1 is an old channel affording a favorable stratigraphic trap. Clays and silts underlie the arkose and may have formed a suitable trap for uranium bearing solutions. Carbonaceous material is present in quantity to act as a precipitating agent in the favorable arkosic host rock.

Deposit No. 2 is probably a channel also and of sufficient dimensions to hold a sizable ore body. Here too, underlying silts and clays form a favorable trap for mineralizing solutions. Also encouraging is that ore grade copper samples have been taken from the more intensely mineralized zone. It is felt that the copper potential of this deposit outweighs the uranium potential due to the copper's affinity to the arkose in general rather than to the carbonized wood. Several other very promising copper shows have been found in the immediate area.

It seems advisable to further explore the possibilities of the two deposits by drilling along the apparent trends of the host rock. It is believed that a few thousand feet of economical drilling could do much to explore or block out ore as the case may be.

After a few hundred feet of drilling it may be possible to re-valuate the property on the drilling results and concentrate the more promising possibility.

Signed Robert C. Wild

Robert C. Wild, Geologist
Albuquerque, New Mexico

November 5, 1956

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				0.15	Copper sample				
						.01 Uranium sample			

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Tom Matson
GRANTS, NEW MEXICO

Oct 8, 1956

Sample No.	U3O8	V2O5	Lime	Copper	Pb	Zn	OTHER	OTHER	
yellow sand in top	0.021								No Thorium
Orthose	0.028								
Limestone	Nil								
Carbonaceous				6.44 %					
Gray Sandstone				0.48 %					

J. Gurney, Jr
Chemist

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AG-10	.032	0.092		1.76		90.1			
M-1	.008	0.035		2.50		91.3			

J Gurney Jr

Chemist

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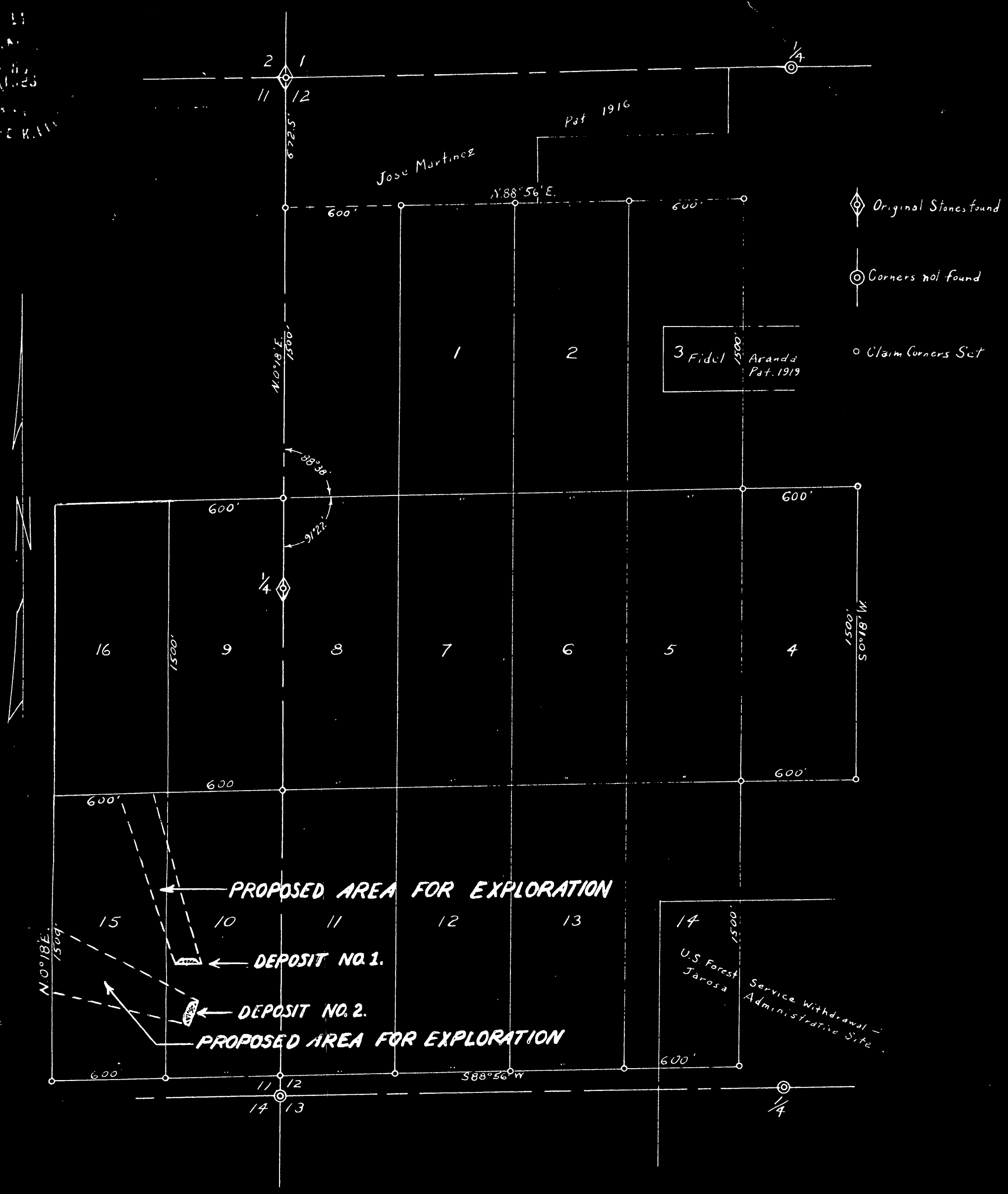

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