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BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

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Re: Docket DMA-408

Mr. O. J. Salisbury, President
Bayhorse Mines, Incorporated
321 Felt Building
Salt Lake City 1, Utah

Dear Mr. Salisbury:

This is in reply to your letter of March 30, 1951.

Our suggestion concerning preparation of a bulk concentrate from your ore that would save the zinc as well as the lead was made because we were under the impression that the ore was predominantly sulfide. In your application no statement was made regarding the type of ore that would be produced. If the zinc minerals are oxidized, we can, of course, understand how it would be difficult to improve the mill recovery of zinc comparable to what could be expected from sulfide ore.

One of the chief purposes of the Defense Production Act of 1950 is to increase the production of those materials which are in short supply. Expansion of zinc production is very much needed, but it is felt that the nation's present and future needs can best be met by bringing into production those mines and properties which can contribute significant amounts of that metal to the nation's supply. According to the information submitted by you, the ore in your mine contains an average of 5% Zn of which only 20% to 25% is recoverable. We do not feel that such a property would fall into the category of a significant producer of zinc.

Regarding lead, no specific program has yet been set up by the Defense Minerals Administration for the procurement of that metal, but future demands may be such that some procurement policy will be formulated.

If you should be interested in exploration in the district, the Government is willing to match funds on projects of merit. Exploration for lead as well as for zinc is eligible for aid under the program that is at present being set up. Detailed instructions and application forms should be printed within a few days, and should be available at the Bureau of Mines' offices in Salt Lake.

I regret that we are not able at this time to be of more assistance on your project.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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