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Hon. E. C. Johnson
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket DMA-728

My dear Senator Johnson:

In reply to your letter of February 23, enclosing correspondence from Mr. Edmund Buckley of Silver Plume, Colorado, concerning his interest in obtaining Federal assistance to open up his lead and zinc mine near Silver Plume:

It is apparent from Mr. Buckley's letter that the work he proposes to do at the Hamill Group is essentially exploration and development. As you no doubt know, the Defense Production Administration has recently approved and announced to the public a program for stimulating exploration of strategic and critical metals and minerals. The program is based on matching funds advanced by an operator with Federal funds, to pay for the cost of exploration on projects approved after investigation by Government geologists and engineers. The Federal contribution will be a loan, to be repaid if the exploration is successful. New forms for requesting aid in exploration and development will be printed and available for distribution soon. I am enclosing two copies of a press release which outlines the general details of the exploration and development program. You may wish to forward one of them to Mr. Buckley for his information.

I trust that this will satisfactorily answer your inquiry. If I can be of further assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Mr. Buckley's correspondence to you is returned herewith as requested.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES BOYD

Administrator

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