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

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Mr. Owen Pigmon
P. O. Box 382
Redmond, Oregon

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3537 (Mercury)
Endicott Mine
Crook County, Oregon

Dear Mr. Pigmon:

Reference is made to the letter written to you on January 27, 1955, by Mr. John S. Vhay representing Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region I, Northwest District, Spokane, Washington, in which you were advised that the subject docket would be considered closed unless certain information required to process the captioned application had reached that office on or before February 5, 1955. Further reference is made to your reply to Mr. Vhay under date of February 4 and his response of February 8.

We regret to inform you that the subject docket is herewith closed, without prejudice to the merits of your proposed project. As stated in Mr. Vhay's letter to you of February 8, 1955, if and when you obtain control of the property covered by the instant application, and you desire to proceed with the exploration, you should then file a new application with the Regional Office.

We regret the necessity of this action and express appreciation for your interest in the exploration program during the period your application has been under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson
By EGY
ACTING Administrator

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cc to: Admr.'s Reading File
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Messrs. H. M. Meyer, Rm. 2623
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DMEA Field Team, Region I, Northwest District (2)

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February 14, 1955

Memorandum

To: Mr. Robert E. Adams, Chief
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From: Ernest Wm. Ellis, Chief
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Subject: Docket No. DMEA-3537 (Mercury)
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Department of the Interior
Spokane, Washington

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We wrote you on November 5, 1954, stating that we were considering your application for assistance on the Endicott mine to be withdrawn until we had received copies of the signed agreement you were to obtain from Amity Mines, Incorporated. We have received no further word from you since that time.

Unless we receive additional information from you prior to February 5, 1955, our Washington office will consider Docket No. DMEA-3537 closed.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Vhay
For: A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region I
Northwest District

cc: DMEA (2)
USBM (2)
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No. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

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Further notice - will close after Feb. 5, 1955

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Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA 3537 (Mercury)
Owen Pigmon
Endicot Mine
Crook County, Oregon

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

We refer to your lettersto Mr. Pigmon and also to this office, both dated November 5, 1954, regarding data required by the Government to process the subject application.

In your letter to Mr. Pigmon you mention that the application was considered withdrawn until such data had been received. Since two months have passed after your letter was sent to Mr. Pigmon, this office shall consider Docket No. DMEA 3537 closed unless we receive other advice within 30 days from January 6, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

APPROVED:

J. H. Hedges
Member, Bureau of Mines (JHH)

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
Member, Geological Survey (THK)

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Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

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Enclosed is a memorandum dated November 2, 1954, from W. S. Anderson and W. P. Puffett concerning the subject application.

Although the property appears to be worth exploring, we are, because of the situation they describe, in agreement with their conclusion that before the Government considers the application further Mr. Pigmon should be required to show that he has title to the ground and that he has a valid signed agreement with Amity Mines, Inc., giving him right of access to the property, and also that he has adequate financial backing.

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By Field Team, Region II

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November 2, 1954

Memorandum

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: Willard P. Puffett, Geologist, Geological Survey and Webster S. Anderson, Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Docket No. DMEA 3537 (mercury), Owen Pigmon, Endicot mine, Crook County, Oregon

Willard P. Puffett and Webster S. Anderson visited the Owen Pigmon property on Thursday, October 28, 1954, to discuss a recent application for DMEA assistance submitted by Mr. Owen Pigmon, P. O. Box 382, Redmond, Oregon.

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Various features of the DMEA program were discussed with Mr. Pigmon at that time. He stated that it was his plan to submit an application for assistance in driving an 800-foot drift along the mineralized shear zone westward from the Amity mine.

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On September 17, 1954, Mr. Pigmon submitted his application. In this application he had changed his proposal from drifting westward from the Amity mine workings, to driving a long crosscut northward on his property to intersect the mineralized shear zone. In his application he specifies only 800 feet of underground workings, with no breakdown as to how much of this work will be crosscutting and how much will be drifting along the shear zone.

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After Mr. Pigmon and Mr. Crosby arrived, Pigmon reported that he had not as yet recorded the location notices on the Road claim but he planned on doing that within the next few days.

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The DMEA examiners suggested to Mr. Pigmon that he wait until he was absolutely certain that he could drive his exploration headings west from the underground workings of the Amity mine, and that no action would be taken on his application until the matter was settled. Mr. Pigmon agreed to this and said he would inform the DMEA if and when his agreement with the Amity people was more or less stabilized.

A brief visit was then made to the Amity mine. Mr. Frank O. Reid, a local miner familiar with the company, and another man were temporarily staying at the property. No active development or exploration at the mine was being done and the camp, in nearly all respects, seemed abandoned. Mr. Reid said that it was his impression the agreement Mr. Pigmon had with the Amity people was that Pigmon had 62 working days to remove the ore remaining in the one oreshoot in the Amity mine. Other than this, he knew nothing about any long-term agreement. This is hearsay and we do not know the basis for Mr. Reid's information. However, in visits to the Amity mine and other neighboring properties in the Ochoco mining district, we have heard many unfavorable references regarding Mr. Pigmon. Although perhaps, in part, this can be attributed to local jealousies and conflicts, yet the unanimity of these reports is a matter of concern to DMEA examiners, if the Government is to enter into an exploration contract with Mr. Pigmon. It will be recalled that the Government entered into a contract with Mr. Pigmon in 1952 (Idm-E230), but that the contract was rescinded before any work was done because, according to Mr. Pigmon, the owner had an opportunity to sell at a higher price than Mr. Pigmon was offering.

The general essence of local comment referred to above is that Mr. Pigmon might be termed an "overly" religious person, given to having visions on which his exploration work in the past has been based. Doubt was expressed also whether modest sums of money borrowed from his fellow church members for exploring the property had been used to any effective purpose.

In all his conversations with DMEA personnel, Mr. Pigmon perhaps is overready to "run down" other individuals in the area, but otherwise he seems to be a very serious and conscientious individual whose main concern is to get his affairs in order so that he can go ahead with an exploration project.

The property appears to be worth exploring but in view of the situation it is evident that before the Government considers the application further Mr. Pigmon should be required to show that he has clear title to the ground, that he has a valid signed agreement with Amity Mines, Inc., giving him right of access to the property, and that he has adequate financial backing.

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November 5, 1954

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By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
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The DMEA examiners suggested to Mr. Pigmon that he wait until he was absolutely certain that he could drive his exploration headings west from the underground workings of the Amity mine, and that no action would be taken on his application until the matter was settled. Mr. Pigmon agreed to this and said he would inform the DMEA if and when his agreement with the Amity people was more or less stabilized.

A brief visit was then made to the Amity mine. Mr. Frank O. Reid, a local miner familiar with the company, and another man were temporarily staying at the property. No active development or exploration at the mine was being done and the camp, in nearly all respects, seemed abandoned. Mr. Reid said that it was his impression the agreement Mr. Pigmon had with the Amity people was that Pigmon had 60 working days to remove the ore remaining in the one orebshoot in the Amity mine. Other than this, he knew nothing about any long-term agreement. This is hearsay and we do not know the basis for Mr. Reid's information. However, in visits to the Amity mine and other neighboring properties in the Ochoco mining district, we have heard many unfavorable references regarding Mr. Pigmon. Although perhaps, in part, this can be attributed to local jealousies and conflicts, yet the unanimity of these reports is a matter of concern to DMEA examiners, if the Government is to enter into an exploration contract with Mr. Pigmon. It will be recalled that the Government entered into a contract with Mr. Pigmon in 1952 (Idm-E230), but that the contract was rescinded before any work was done because, according to Mr. Pigmon, the owner had an opportunity to sell at a higher price than Mr. Pigmon was offering.

The general essence of local comment referred to above is that Mr. Pigmon might be termed an "overly" religious person, given to having visions on which his exploration work in the past has been based. Doubt was expressed also whether modest sums of money borrowed from his fellow church members for exploring the property had been used to any effective purpose.

In all his conversations with DMEA personnel, Mr. Pigmon perhaps is overready to "run down" other individuals in the area, but otherwise he seems to be a very serious and conscientious individual whose main concern is to get his affairs in order so that he can go ahead with an exploration project.

The property appears to be worth exploring but in view of the situation it is evident that before the Government considers the application further Mr. Pigmon should be required to show that he has clear title to the ground, that he has a valid signed agreement with Amity Mines, Inc., giving him right of access to the property, and that he has adequate financial backing.

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So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

November 5, 1954

Mr. Owen Pigmon
P. O. Box 3[illegible]
Redmond, Oregon

Re: Docket No. DMEA 3537 (mercury)
Owen Pigmon
Endicot Mine
Crook County, Oregon

Dear Mr. Pigmon:

We have discussed the matter of your recent application for exploration assistance with Mr. Puffett and Mr. Anderson and, on the basis of a conversation which they stated they had with you, we are considering your application withdrawn until you obtain a signed agreement with the Amity Mines, Inc., giving you access to the property. When you obtain this and submit a copy to us the docket can then be reopened.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
U. S. Geological Survey

Wing C. Agnew, Member
U. S. Bureau of Mines

cc: DMEA (2)
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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November 2, 1954

Memorandum

To: E. W. Ellis, Rare & Precious Metals Branch - DMEA

From: Walter E. Lewis, Base Metals Branch

Subject: DMEA Docket No. 3537 - Mercury - Owen Pigmon, P. O. Box 382, Redmond, Oregon

I have reviewed the subject application and note that it was transmitted by the Region II Executive Office of DMEA, with the comment that the property will be examined in the near future and the validity of the claims checked.

I agree that the application warrants such action and so recommend.

The application is returned herewith.

Walter E. Lewis
Walter E. Lewis, for
Helena M. Meyer

Attachment

Copy to: Minerals Division
Base Metals Branch
H. M. Meyer
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So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

October 12, 1954

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
DMEA Operating Committee
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: New application (cinnabar)
Owen Pigmon
Ridge, Camp, and Log Cabin claims
Crook County, Oregon

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

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Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosure

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SPOKANE, WASH.

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. ~~3539~~ 3537
Metal or Mineral Mercury
Date Received
Estimated Cost $28,000
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: ~~Sixxxxxxx~~ Owen Pigmon
P.O. Box 382 Redmond Oregon

(*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.

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 Court House Prineville Oregon ~~& Xxxxx~~
Ridge Claim Book 7 Page 251 Crook Co,
Camp Claim Book U Page 253 Road Claim, Book 7
Log Cabin Claim Book 7 Page 257 Page 329

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known.

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise Claim rhts

(*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.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it None

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

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 wish to explore

Cinnabar

(*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.

(*c*) The work will start within 30 days and be completed within 24 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.

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(*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)?

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

[x] Money [x] Use of equipment owned by you [x] 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 Sept. 17, 1954

Owen Pignon
(Applicant)

By

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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Owen Pigmon
Redmond, Oregon

1(a) Owen Pigmon
P.O. Box 382 Redmond, Oregon
(b) Individual
(c) None
(d) None

OCT 18 1954

2. I have read DMEA Order #1

3. (a) Ridge Claim
Camp Claim Road Claim
Log Cabin Claim
(Filed in Crook County Court-house, Prineville, Oregon)
(b) Once was known as The Endicot Mine.
(c) Owner by claim right
(d) Owner
(e) None
(f) Ridge Claim Book 7, Page 251 (Crook County Court-
Camp Claim Book 7, Page 253 house, Prineville, Ore.)
Log Cabin Claim Book 7, Page 257 Road Claim Book 7
Page 329

4. (a) None. This claim has two ore-bearing faults which join The Amity Mine, the map of which I enclose.
(b) None.
(c) The rock formation is ancicite and basalt--there is two faults average about four feet in width (glomorate). These faults have cinnabar pockets in them.
(d) Good highways run through. (Highway #142)
(e) Man-power and supplies good--plenty of water available.

5. (a) Cinnabar
(b) Drive 800 feet in tunnel through rock
(c) The work will start within 30 days and be completed within 36 month from the date of an exploration project contract.
(d) Three years in mining cinnabar.

6. (a) through (h)
I prefer to have a unit-cost contract.
Bond drift at 28 dollars a foot.
Timber at 7 dollars a foot.

7. (a) Yes
(b) Cash.

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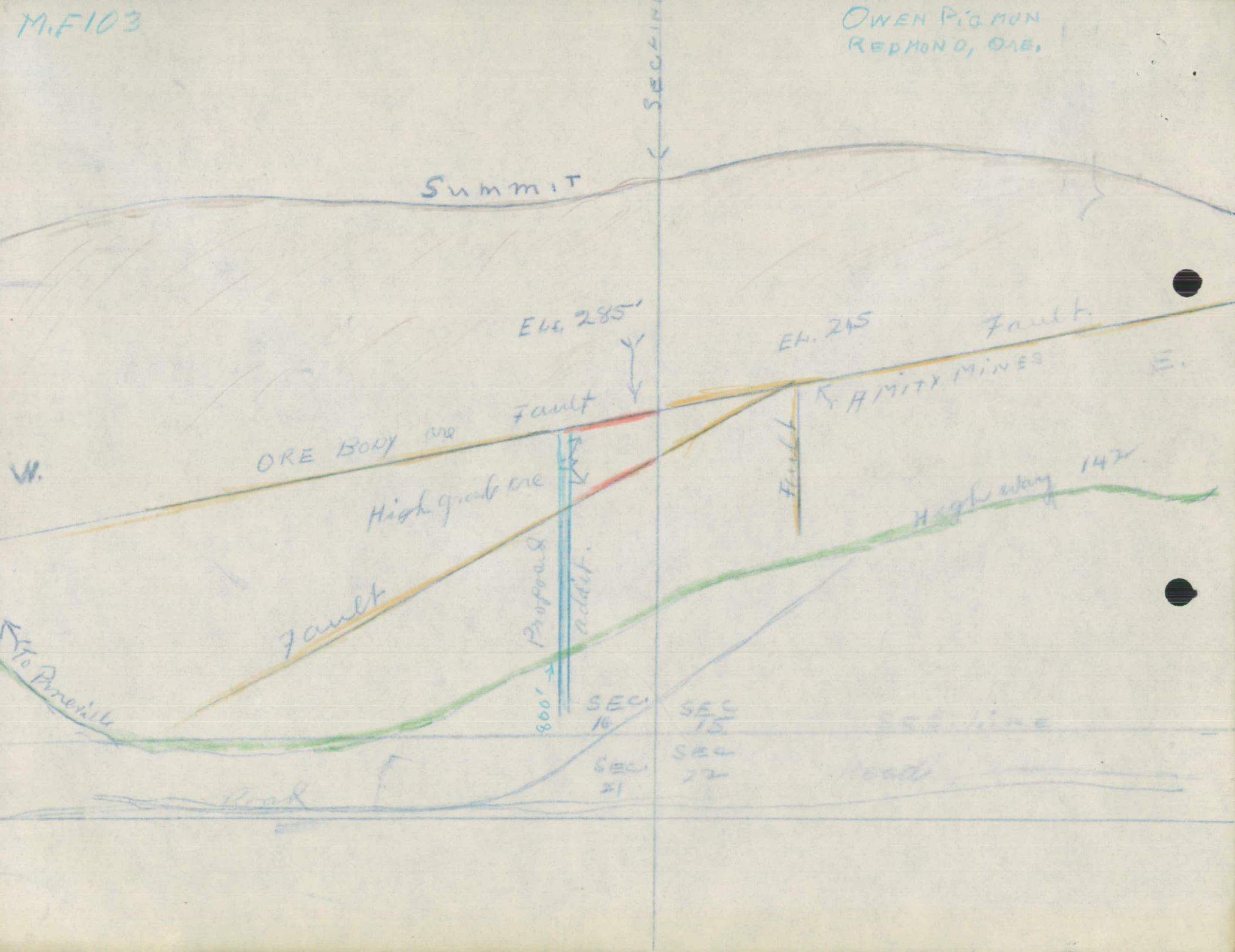
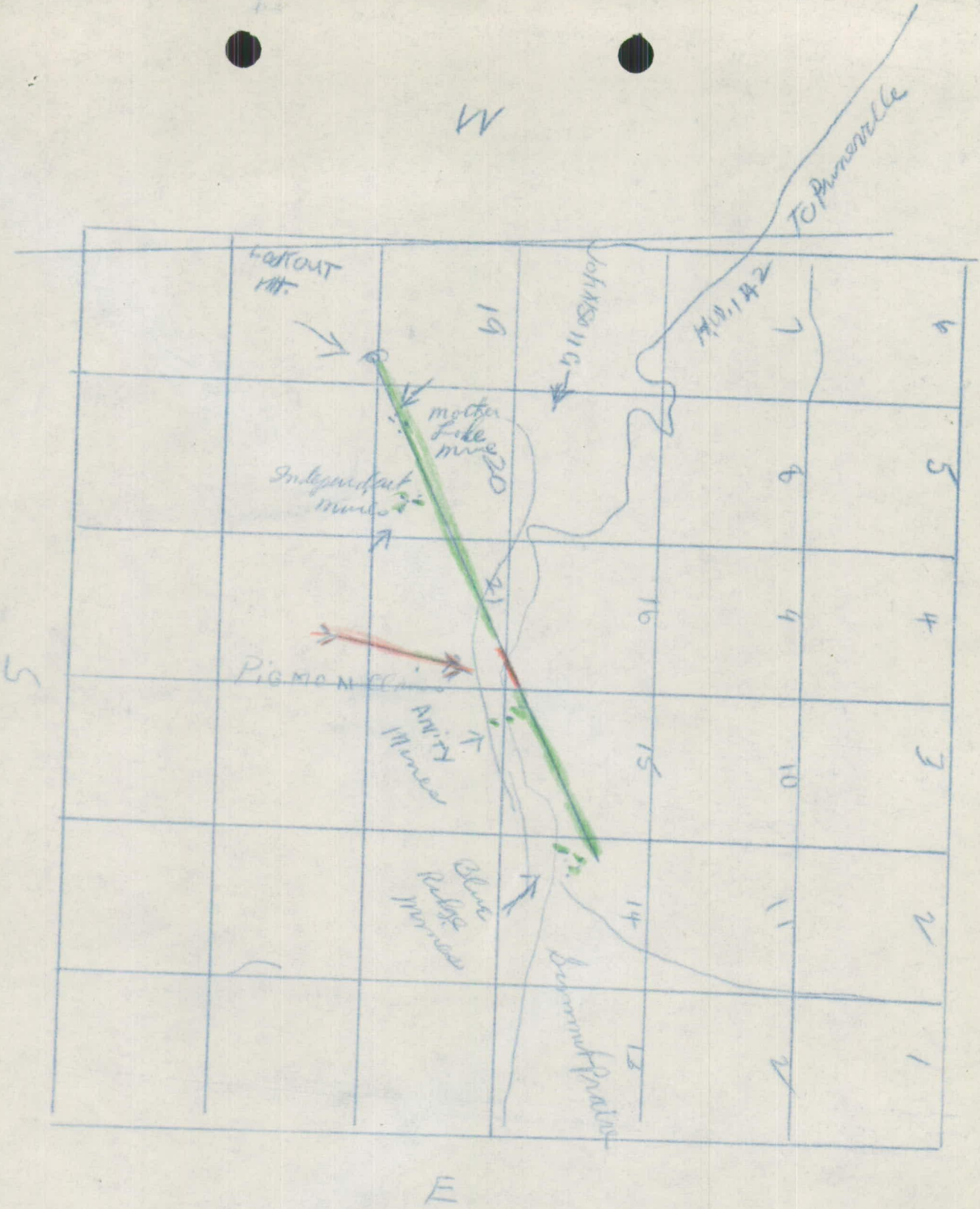
OWEN PIGMON
REDMOND, ORE.





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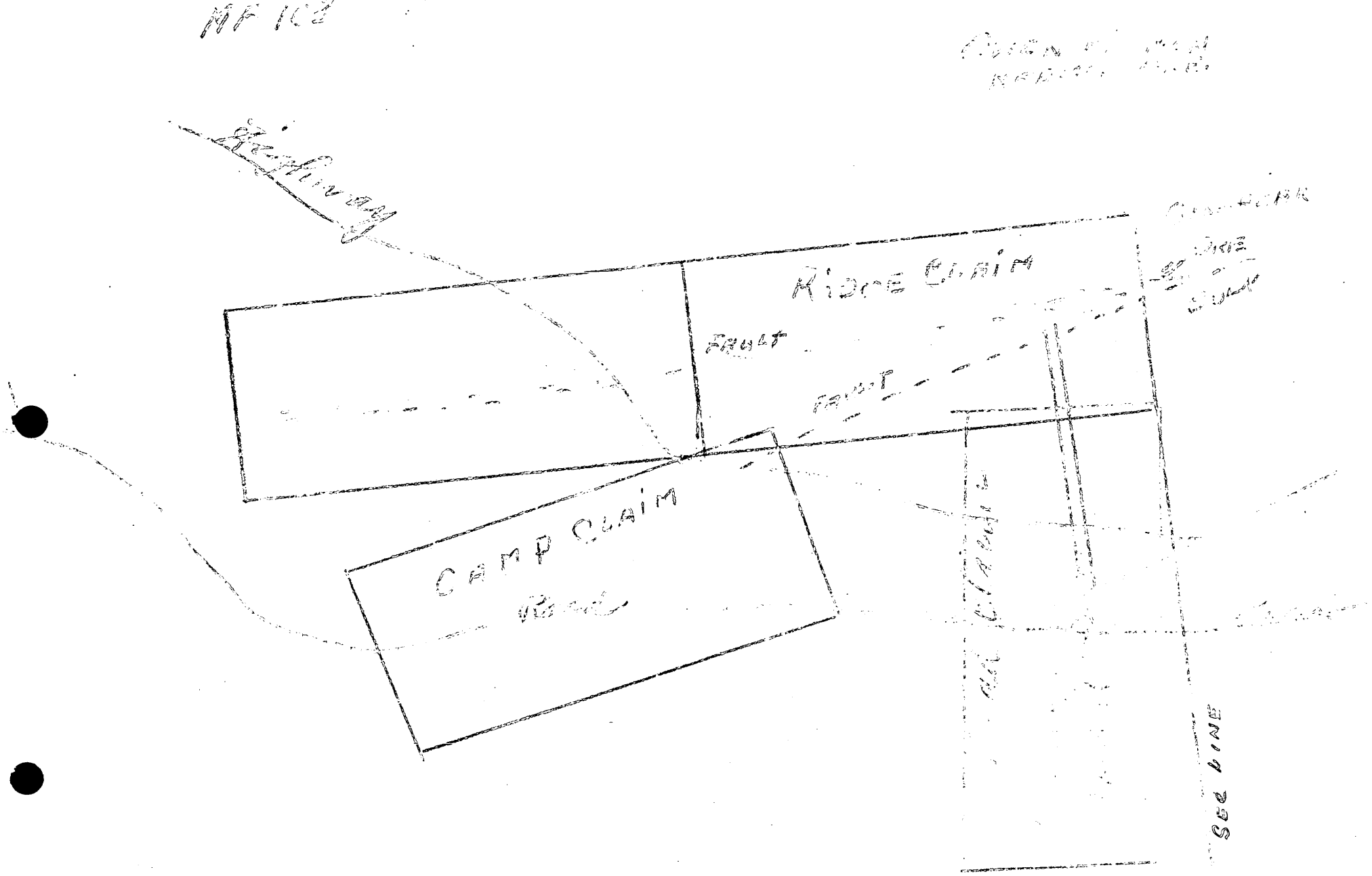
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 19, 1954

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: Chief, Operation's Control and Statistics Division

Subject: Assignment of Docket Number

There is listed below the assigned docket number to an application recently received from Region II.

DMEA- 3537 Owen Pigmon

Robert E. Adams,
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division

October 19, 1954

Mr. Owen Pigmon
P. O. Box 382
Redmond, Oregon

Subject: DMEA-3537
Re: Exploration Assistance
Endicot Mine

Dear Sir:

The receipt of your application dated September 17, 1954 for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-3537 and referred to the Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-3537 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

October 12, 1954

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
DMEA Operating Committee
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: New application (cinnabar)
Owen Pigmon
Ridge, Camp, and Log Cabin claims
Crook County, Oregon

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

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A. E. Weissenborn

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Enclosure

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APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. ~~3539~~ 3537
Metal or Mineral Mercury
Date Received
Estimated Cost $28,000
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

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Post Office Box 382 Redmond Oregon

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Dated Sept. 17, 195~~4~~

Owen Pigmon
(Applicant)

By.....

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Owen Pigmon
Redmond, Oregon

OCT 18 1955

1. A. Owen Pigmon
   P.O. Box 382 Redmond, Oregon
   B. Individual
   C. None
   D. None

2. D.M.A. Order No. 1 Road

3. A. Ridge Claim Page
   Camp Claim
   Log Cabin Claim
   Court house, Prineville, Crook Co.
   B. Once was known as the Endicot Mine
   C. Owner by claim right
   D. Owner
   E. None
   F. Ridge-claim---Book 7, Page 251 (Crook Co. Court-house, Prineville, Oregon)
   Camp claim ~~0~~--Book 7, Page 253
   Log Cabin Claim Book 7, Page 257 Road Claim Book 7 Page 329

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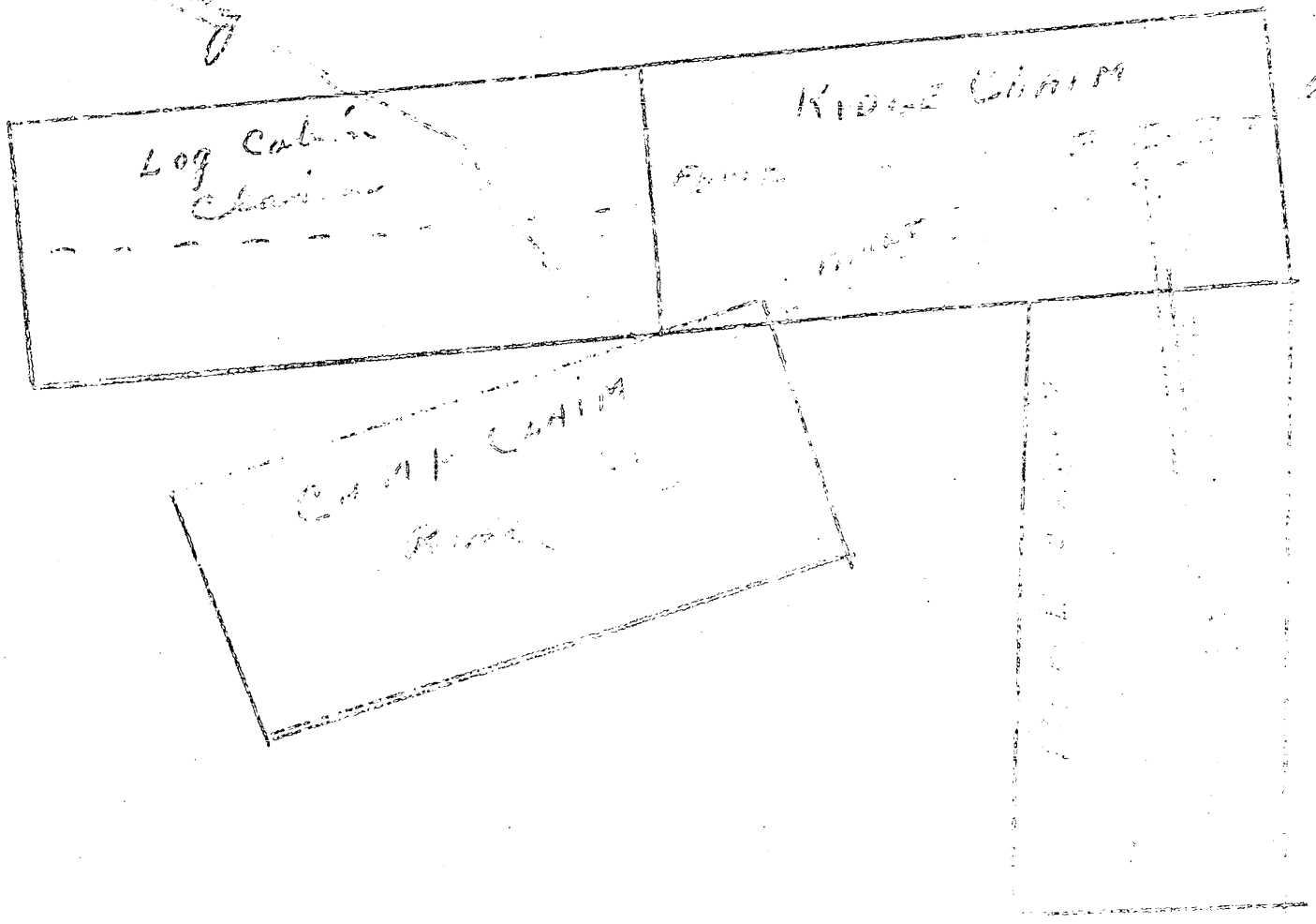
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OWEN PICMON,
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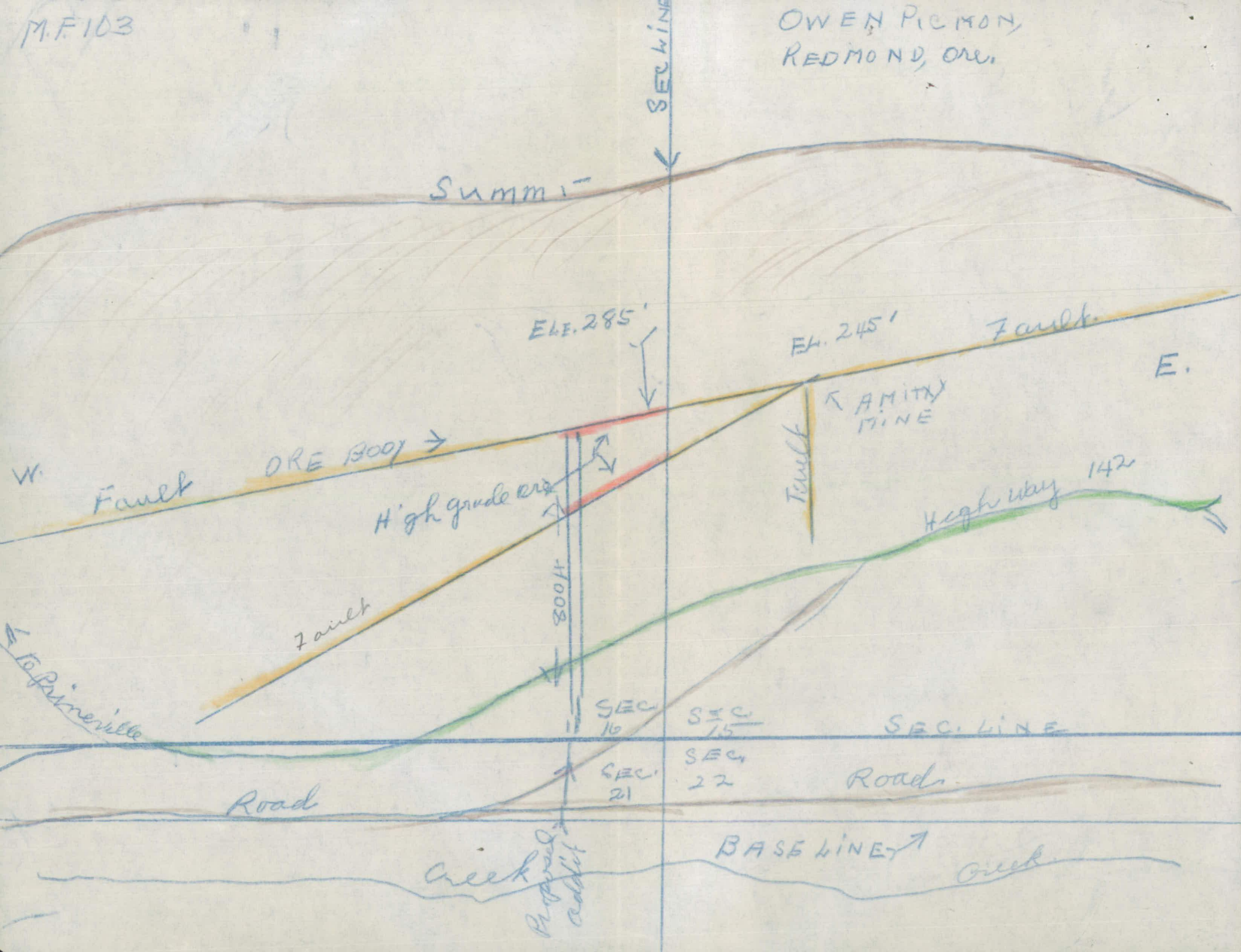

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OWEN PIGMON
REDMOND, ORE.

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

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
May 20, 1954

Mr. Owen Pigmon
P. O. Box 382
Redmond, Oregon

Subject: Government aid in exploration (mercury)

Dear Mr. Pigmon:

Reference is made to your letter of May 14, 1954 concerning Government aid in exploring for mercury.

Enclosed are 5 copies of Form MF-103, a copy of DMEA Order-1 Amended, and a Question and Answer booklet describing the program.

We assume from your letter that your application will cover the same property as Docket No. DMEA 2222 (mercury), Contract No. Idm-K230, which was rescinded.

Sincerely yours,

Wing G. Agnew
Acting Executive Officer
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