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MOUNT UNION MINE

YAVAPAI COUNTY  
HASSAYAMPA DIST.

This property inactive.

MARK GEMMILL - May 27, 1957

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~~MT~~ UNION MINE

MILS # 1162

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MT Union file)



MOUNT UNION MINE FILE

YAVAPAI CO.

GM/WR 2/20/79 - Abraham Kolsky and Burton A. Balonick have purchased three potential mining claims, Kendall, Union, and Franklin, from a Bill Peterson. These claims are in Yavapai Co. and are in our mine files under the Henrietta Mine and this Mount Union mine file. They purchased these claims on the basis of a Geological report written by Gerry Kirwan. They hired Gerald Weathers, 3928 E. Meadowbrook Avenue, Phx., Az. 85018 and he was to give them a report on the property today. 4/30/79 a.p.

*Now have their own file*

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KP WR 1/4/79 - Robert Rippey, 11433 W. Hidalgo, Tolleson, 85353 reported in a telephone conversation with Ann Turney, that he was the owner of the Franklin, Silver Star, and Transcendent mines in the Crown King area of Yavapai Co. 6/18/79 a.p.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

VERBAL INFORMATION SUMMARY

Information from: William Cook

Company:

Address: 4636 N. 106th Avenue  
City, State ZIP: Phoenix, Arizona 85039  
Phone: 602-877-0193

MINE: Summit (part of the Mount Union Group)

ADMMR Mine File: Mount Union  
County: Yavapai  
AzMILS Number: 1162

SUMMARY

William Cook reported he has purchased the Summit patented mine. It is part of the claims patented under M.S. 2588. His intent is to subdivide the property, but he wanted a little information about its mining past first.

Ken A. Phillips, Chief Engineer

Date: April 7, 1994

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LETTER RECEIVED WILL MEET YOU WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRESCOTT AM

SURE MUTUAL CONTRACT WILL BE DRAWN AND AGREED TO BY ALL

PARTIES=

R A AIRHEART.

*W. Union*



March 27, 1944

Mr. Ralph Airheart  
312 N. Coronado Street  
Los Angeles 26, California

Dear Ralph:

I have discussed at length the option agreement submitted by Mr. Wilson on the Mount Union. The parties interested, contrary to my ideas on the subject, feel as though they would prefer to take over the obligation of the R.F.C. on this property; also, that they would like to take over your contract as you have it from Mr. Wilson. They are perfectly willing to make a \$2,500 payment. They do balk on the \$300 per month for which I cannot blame them.

In going over this matter carefully I find from the reports and maps, particularly on the survey by Dick Merritt, that the difference in elevation between the portal of the tunnel and the collar of the shaft is 464.58 feet. This means that the proposed tunnel would cut the whole workings at a depth of approximately 460 feet below the collar of that shaft, that is, it would cut the shaft between the 400 and 500 foot level instead of between the 500 and 600 foot level as represented by you. This simply means additional cost to unwater the mine and I still consider the plan sound.

These people are willing to deal but cannot see paying any \$300 per month for the privilege of spending their money. I think \$150 should be the absolute maximum and they would agree to this. In order that you may have some additional interest I believe the override in the upset price of the property is O.K. I would like to see a copy of your lease from Wilson.

I will be in Prescott at the Hassayampa Hotel late Wednesday night, March 29, and will probably spend a good part of Thursday there. Will you kindly advise me your final reply on this as I expect the interested parties may also meet me at Prescott on Thursday.

In addition to the agreement to pay \$2,500 in cash and \$150 a month minimum royalty, the new operators would agree to continue the lower tunnel level to cut the main shaft and you could readily specify a minimum of 75 shifts a month. I figure the job is going to cost around



Mr. Ralph Airheart

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March 27, 1944

\$25,000 and I am asking that this amount be set aside for this preliminary work. This sum should not be mentioned in your agreement if we enter into one, but I do think you could specify the 75 shifts underground per month as a minimum.

Under present conditions you know it is difficult to have private capital undertake a mine operation and I do not believe they should pay too heavy for the privilege and for this reason I believe the refusal to pay the \$300 per month royalty is well within reason. If you have faith in the property and believe it will show production after the lower tunnel is driven and the mine unwatered, you should be willing to let all of this money go into the mine apart from the cash payment and the minimum royalty of \$150 a month until production is had and you could then count on your royalty from production.

Please let me know your decision by Wednesday if possible.

Plans are being considered for doing some work at Crown King on the Douglas Corner setup and I am in hopes that arrangements can be completed so that both jobs may be handled.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP

315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, 26, California  
December 27, 1943



Mr. Sam J. Coupal  
413 Homebuilders Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Coupal:

Herewith maps and a statement by the writer on the Mt. Union Mine, data that I have accumulated at considerable expense, checked and rechecked, and I am sure can be verified by carrying out my program, namely the driving of the lower tunnel.

We can not question such men as A. B. Peach, Edward W. Brooks, Chas. E. Lees, B. M. Snyder, your Mr. Brown and other accredited engineers. Not one have spoken disparagingly of the property, then, too, please take into account many practical miners have given both verbal and written favorable statements, and I am yet to find one unfavorable word as to Mt. Union.

The Mt. Union is a gold property, this must not be lost sight of - at depth the gold values increase as do the base metals, lead and zinc, and the width of the ore shoots and their length showing more permanency. The continuity of the Mt. Union vein has been proven on the surface - over 5,400 feet, and is truly a fissure vein. At the extreme north in the Flint-Hughes shaft (100' deep) gold values given by assay map 31" of oxidized ore average \$17.40 samples taken every 5'. At the extreme south a 10' shaft gives several samplings 24" to 48" as on the map.

This summer I cleaned out the 200' level tunnel (see map), though this work was not my idea it did prove that at this point the apex of the sulphide zone was reached and that the gold values were higher and the base metals increasing in volume and value.

May I suggest that your friend, Mr. Baggaley, after he has gone over the data go upon the ground, weather permitting, size up the physical conditions, view the formation and geology and form his opinions.

As to a deal, this is open for discussion between he and I, and I can assure you that a mutual deal can be brought about.



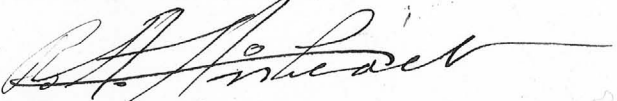
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Mr. Sam J. Coupal  
December 27, 1943

You and I have talked this over though we did not arrive at definite figures and until we can set down and talk over what we proposed as to development and plan a future program, let's hold this in abeyance.

Can meet you and Mr. Baggaley either in Phoenix for a preliminary talk and then a trip to the property at any time you suggest.

Mrs. Airheart joins me in wishing you the compliments of the season. I am

Sincerely yours,

  
R. A. Airheart

RAA:mv

March 1, 1944

Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles 26, California

Dear Ralph:

I may be in position to talk turkey to you on taking over the Mount Union for certain people with whom I have a very intimate relation. I have in mind that the offer should be taking over a lease from Wilson, such as you have, and having you make arrangements for whatever cut you can obtain from Mr. Wilson.

With the Government holding back on encouraging any new mining operations it is natural that the undertaking of exploratory work such as contemplated in the long tunnel can only be done where the valuation is on a sound basis and not on what we might consider boom conditions.

I expect to be in Los Angeles on March 14 at a meeting of the Southwest Mining Association and could arrange to see you at that time.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP

December 27, 1943

Mr. R. A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles 26, California

Dear Ralph:

Many thanks for your letter of December 23 and the Mr. Baggaley to whom I mentioned your property called this morning and we will both await the data on Mount Union.

I am sorry to note that you are not sending the information in detail but you are dependent upon my idea of the property in interesting Mr. Baggaley. This is not good business and if you are to present the property you should have all your data in full shape. You say, "it's go, look and see". As I stated, that is not good business because if information is available it is necessary to present it so that a man might judge whether or not it deserves the attention of going to the mine. I am sure the Mount Union does, but I still believe you should put all of the information down in black and white.

Another point I wish to call to your attention and that is the fact that you should state definitely just what sort of a deal you will make. You can make it a bedrock deal and not budge. I do not believe it is a question of dickering, nor a question of sizing up the man to see how favorable a deal you can make. You should know what you would be satisfied with in making a deal and then stick until you get it.

I have my own ideas of what a deal should be but I am not advancing any of my notions to anyone else who wishes to deal with you. However, I do think along with the information you should be able to put down in black and white just what sort of a deal you will make.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP

January 8, 1944

Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles 26, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

Thank you for your letter of December 27 with the information on Mount Union.

Mr. Baggaley was called east and did not get chance to go over this information, so I am placing it in our files awaiting any instructions you may have regarding it. Mr. Baggaley will be back sometime soon and I will be glad to submit it at that time.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP

315 - N. Coronado St  
L.A. 26 - Cal.  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Sam.

yours 21<sup>st</sup> at hand. Right after Xmas I will send you all the data on Mt Union - not in detail, you have a very good idea as to the property - simmered down - it's, go look and see - as to the deal - Who are they? What will they do, and when - you know Sam - that only a mutual deal can be arrived at.

I am thankful for your efforts in my behalf and have told you many times, I want to cooperate and will,

In a former letter I stated that I controlled the property, and a contract can and will be entered into when that time arrives -

Wishing a Very Merry Xmas and a real Happy New Year.

Sincerely

Bob H. Hester



December 21, 1943

Mr. Ralph Airheart  
Hassayampa Hotel  
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Ralph:

I have made no progress on my own plans regarding Mount Union but I am in touch with a Mr. William Blair Baggaley, Platteville, Wisconsin, who is now in Phoenix at the Westward Ho Hotel and will be here until the first of the year. He is a mining engineer, usually spends some time here in the winters, and is actively connected with mining operations and is looking for something here in Arizona.

If you are not contemplating a trip to Phoenix shortly, I would suggest that you send me all information available on the Mount Union and I will submit it to Mr. Baggaley. I do not know what sort of a proposal you would submit to him but I would suggest that you follow the plan I discussed with you, namely, that your lease be cancelled by the owner and that you make some confidential agreement with the owner and then let Mr. Baggaley deal with the owner with you presenting the proposal, but due to the R.F.C. loan I believe you should be out of the picture as this loan should not be held over any new deal made on the property.

Will look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP

CC: 315 N. Coronado Street  
Los Angeles 26, California

November 24, 1943

Mr. Ralph Airheart  
315 North Coronado St.  
Los Angeles 26, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

I am sorry that I was out of town when you called. I am leaving tonight and will be away from Phoenix until December 5 and probably again until December 9.

I do not know what quick action I can get on the Mount Union but would like to have you set down definitely your bottom figures or the bottom figures that Mr. Wilson will place on the property (he taking care of you), and I will then be able to present it to the parties I have in mind. Please keep in mind it has to be down to bed rock.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP



November 19, 1943

Mr. Ralph Airheart  
Hassayampa Hotel  
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Ralph:

Under separate cover, I am sending the forms for making application for advanced premium on copper.

When you get down to figures on the Mount Union with Mr. Wilson, I think it advisable to sharpen your pencil and make the best deal you possibly can having in mind that your lease with Wilson should be cancelled and that the deal should be made direct with Mr. Wilson and a private agreement with Mr. Wilson entered into.

As far as the people concerned, I have in mind that the deal on the property should be down to rock bottom and that you and Mr. Wilson should consider your interests as one and that today no property can stand too heavy over writing and padding. I know the people I am dealing with and know that they will probably be as exacting as I would be under the conditions.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal  
Director

JSC:JES



November 1, 1943

Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 N. Coronado Street  
Los Angeles (26), California

Dear Ralph:

Many thanks for your letter of October 26. I had occasion to be in Prescott yesterday and had a long talk with Brown about the Mount Union.

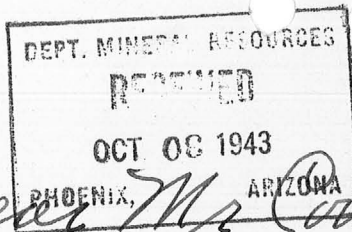
I suggested to Brown that he go with you to the Mount Union as soon as you return to Prescott, and make a report which could be used in presenting a proposal on the Mount Union to certain people I have in mind who might consider driving the lower tunnel.

On your return to Arizona, I hope to see you.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal  
Director

JSC:JES



315. N. Coronado St  
L.A. 26 - Cal. 9/28-

Dear Mr. Coupal -

Yours 26 at hand. I got the news today from Mr. Radle. This doesn't worry me a bit. I will advise you if it's possible for me to meet you in Prescott next week.

I so want to go over the ground with you - many angles to discuss - etc. - etc. -

Yes I am sure you are pulling for my Iowa to get thru - my Mr. Poese is 100% and one that will pull for the betterment of the cause. In haste - Sincerely

R.H. Tinkert

I like the young man R.F.L. sent up. and your Mr. B. is a fine fellow and very cooperative - many thanks for his service - R.H.



November 8, 1943

Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 N. Coronado Street  
Los Angeles 26, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

I have advised B. W. Brown to contact Mr. Frank Wilson as soon as he has time that will permit him to examine the Mount Union property.

Brown is out of the district this week and is pretty well tied up for the next two weeks but know that he will try to make the examination at his earliest convenience. He may be available Monday of next week while in Prescott and suggest you so advise Mr. Wilson.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP

CC: B. W. Brown

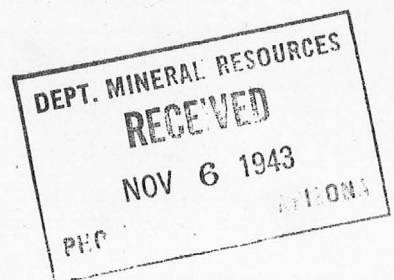
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My dear Coupal:

Have yours 1<sup>st</sup> as its so un-  
certain when I will be in Prescott. I  
have written Frank Wilson to contact  
Brown and take him out to Mt D.  
This will save time - If any thing is  
to be done this fall its best to get  
started before the bad weather sets  
in - so every day counts -

Many thanks and best wishes  
yours.

W. A. Ingham





October 26, 1943

Mr. Ralph M. Airhart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Ralph:

From certain channels I have been informed that your application for a loan on the Mount Union has been denied. I do know that it was with reluctance that this application was denied.

Following up the plan I talked over with you, I have in mind that I may go to Prescott this coming week end and would like to take a look at the Mount Union if conditions warrant. Can you advise me where I can find Mr. Wilson and also can you send me a sketch which shows how I can reach the property. If you are by chance returning to Arizona by that time, I would also like to be advised.

Sorry to hear about the Mount Union and hope we have better luck on the copper application on the Iowa Group.

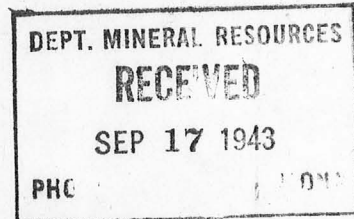
Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:JBS

September 16, 1943.

Mr. R. A. Airheart  
Box 1623  
Prescott, Arizona



Dear Mr. Airheart:

Mr. J. S. Coupal of the Department of Mineral Resources has requested the Arizona Bureau of Mines to forward to you a complete set of Arizona Bureau of Mines publications. Normally we would be very glad to do this but we find ourselves with few copies of many of these bulletins and we are unable to have any reprints made at this time. It will be very helpful to us if you would choose only those in which you are particularly interested in, and if you will do this by check marks on the attached list, we will be glad to send them to you, with our compliments.

Yours very truly,

T. G. Chapman,  
Director, Arizona Bureau of Mines.

cc: J. S. Coupal



September 14, 1943

Dr. T. G. Chapman, Director  
Arizona Bureau of Mines  
University Station  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Tom:

I am enclosing a copy of letter I have just received from R. A. Airheart who is operating the Mount Union.

While in Prescott a week or ten days ago I talked with Mr. Airheart and also Colonel Stevens, whom he mentions. Colonel Stevens is an Army man who is very much interested in mining and plans to come to Arizona to settle down and engage in mining as soon as he can do so. He already has active interest in one property there.

Airheart would like to have me obtain the enclosed list of bulletins, if possible, and I would appreciate it if you would assist me in getting them together so that I may advise Mr. Airheart that they will be sent to him.

With best wishes, I am

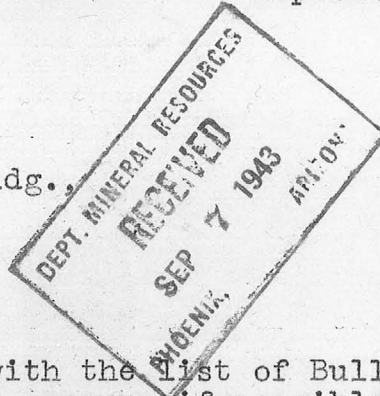
Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP  
Enc.

Box 1623,  
Prescott, Arizona.  
September 3, 1943

Mr. S. J. Coupal,  
413 Home Builders Bldg.,  
Phoenix, Arizona.



Dear Mr. Coupal:

I am enclosing herewith the list of Bulletins you so graciously agreed to procure if possible for my friend, Col. Stevens. Whatever cost is attached to these bulletins, if you will kindly advise me, I will send you my check. I want to thank you in behalf of Col. Stevens for your efforts in his behalf; I know he will appreciate receiving them.

I expect to be in Phoenix some time next week. I can't give you the exact date, as I have been held up for a few days in getting the tunnel cleaned out to the shaft. I am hopeful of having this completed by the middle of next week.

With kindest regards and again thanking you for all the trouble I am putting you to, I am,

Very truly yours,

  
R. A. Airheart



June 11, 1943

Office of Defense Transportation  
Security Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

Gentlemen:

Ralph A. Airheart, the bearer, has been granted an RFC mine loan to open up the Mount Union Mine eighteen miles south of Prescott, Yavapai County.

This property is an old producer of zinc-lead ore and as zinc is one of the critical metals needed for the war effort it is essential that he have transportation for his operations.

There is available in Prescott a one-half ton Chevrolet pick-up which Mr. Airheart wishes to buy and for the purchase of same he needs a certificate of war necessity. He will also need a "T" card for gasoline supplies.

I wish to certify to the war necessity of this expenditure and for the operations being undertaken.

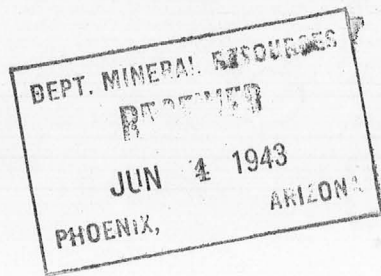
The pick-up will be used to transport men in addition to the supplies to and from Prescott.

I hope Mr. Airheart will find no delay in this as added production is needed at as early a date as possible.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:kk



315 N. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles 26, Calif.

June 3, 1943.

Mr. S. J. Coupal,  
Home Builders Bldg.,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Coupal:


I know that you will be just as pleased as I am to know that I am just in receipt of an air mail letter from the Washington office with the approval of my loan on the Mt. Union.

I am indeed very appreciative of your efforts in my behalf, and I want to assure you that at no time in the future will I knowingly do anything involving the expenditure of the funds intrusted to me that would cast a reflection upon anyone who has so graciously assisted me.

I hope to be in Prescott next week, and on to Phoenix to complete the execution of my papers. I will call on you at your office, and shall look forward to your having lunch with me.

With very best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

  
R.A. Airheart

RAA/jb

P.S. Many thanks for the information in your recent letter re. mill. I shall turn this over to my friend, Mr. Mitchell.

R.A.A.



May 28, 1943

Mr. R. A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

Thank you for your letter of May 27.

There is a complete mill at the Red Cloud Mine which, I believe, is for sale unless dismantling has started without my hearing of it.

You can get further information regarding this plant by writing to Walter D. Riley, care of the Board of Supervisors, Yuma, Arizona.

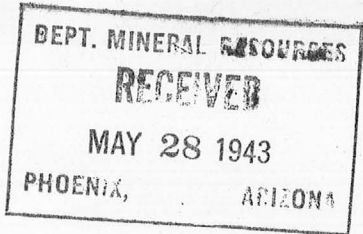
I am in hopes that you will hear before long on your loan for the Mount Union and hope to be able to keep in touch with any information you may have as to the loan and also to your work.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:kk



315 N. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles, 26, Calif.

May 27, 1943.

Mr. S.J. Coupal,  
Home Builders Bldg.,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Coupal:

I have a very close friend, Mr. Harry Mitchell, a mining engineer, who has recently examined some properties in New Mexico for local interests, and they anticipate the erection within the near future of a milling plant with a capacity of at least 100 tons, and possibly 150. The plant to handle the ore will necessitate flotation and tabling, electric power is available.

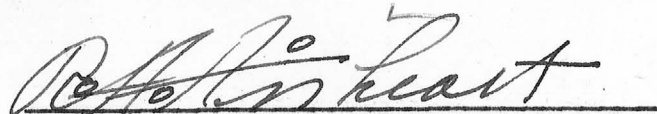
My reason for writing you is that last summer I mentioned to Harry that I had my hand on a plant near Kingman that could be adapted to the milling of the ore that I had hoped to be able to produce from the Mt. Union, so he approached me yesterday, inquiring if this plant was still available. I have just learned that the plant has been sold.

If you are in touch with a plant as above described, if you will either place me in touch with the owner or you give me the details, I will pass them on to my friend. I am quite sure that he will not only appreciate the information, and in the event a sale is made, I might make a little money for my efforts.

I am patiently awaiting word as to whether or not my loan will be granted. I sincerely feel that they will grant this, and immediately upon receipt of word I will advise you.

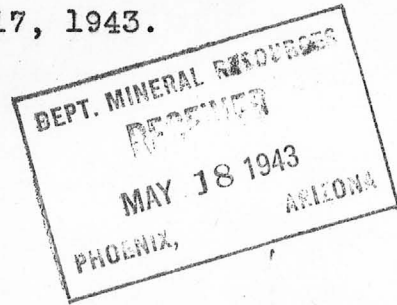
I shall be very appreciative for your efforts on the above matter in my behalf, and I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

  
R.A. Airheart

315 N. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

May 17, 1943.



Mr. S.J. Coupal,  
413 Home Builders Bldg.,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Coupal:

I got in touch immediately after leaving your office with Mr. Gohring, submitting my application asking for his suggestions and whether I had made any errors or omissions. It appeared that the application was in form, and he referred me to my friend, Mr. Tweedy. Fortunately, I had known Tweedy for a good many years, and he assured me that I would get prompt action, through their office. I feel very much encouraged, and that my loan will go through.

I want to thank you very kindly for the assistance you have rendered me, and I hope soon to be actively working and carrying out my plans.

I am,

Yours very truly,

R.A. Airheart  
R.A. Airheart

RAA/jb

*Mrs Bradley - asks that I send her  
very best wishes to you.  
R.A.A.*



May 6, 1943

Mr. R. A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

I hope you will pardon my delay in replying to your letter of April 23 but I have been away from the office for a week and have only just returned.

I am deeply grieved to know that certain items were not returned to you in the envelope and note your method of checking. I today called on Mr. Neil C. Clark and told him of this difficulty and have repeatedly searched our files to see if any of the reports or papers were still in our files. I questioned Mr. Clark, who is an attorney, regarding his handling of the information and he states that the file did not leave his hands and that his engineer, Lamont West, who was looking over the property in the interest of the Octave Company, had a similar file from Mr. Peach. For that reason Mr. Clark did not remove anything from the file as he used the file Mr. Peach had given to West which evidently was more complete than the one you had on hand.

I cannot understand how some of the papers became missing but evidently they did and I do not know how to express my sorrow in this. I fully realize the value of such reports and the inconvenience and loss incurred by not having them.

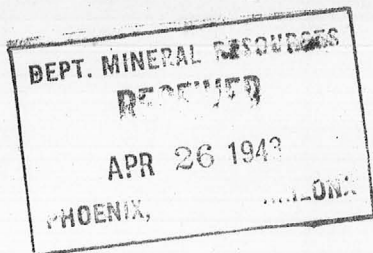
If you decide to come to Phoenix, I hope you will call and I will do my utmost to be of assistance to you with Mr. Cohring in getting this whole subject properly presented.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:kk



315 N. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

April 23, 1943.

Mr. J.S. Coupal,  
413 Home Builders Bldg.,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Coupal:

I have yours of the 20th regarding the incomplete file. This morning I took the envelope as received to the Post Office, and the clerk recalled quite vividly weighing up the sending envelope and also marking the return envelope with the amount of postage required. This I attached to the empty return envelope for your convenience. In weighing it this morning we find that it contained three ounces less enclosures than shown by the postage, so it is quite evident that the envelope left you in this condition.

It is very likely, and I feel quite sure that the information so desired and needed at this time is the part that Mr. Peach evidently retained. This pertains to the description of the property, reports, etc., etc., and would be much needed by him in presenting the property. I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Wilson containing the following: "A.B. Peach came home from Phoenix today, and I went down to see him. He is in very bad condition at the present time, having caught another cold. He has all the dope back in New York City". It is very likely that there is where we will locate this part of the file.

I feel like I have been a great deal of bother and worry to you. In not having in hand these statements, estimates, and complete data, I am at a loss to know how to start the re-opening of my application through Mr. Gohring. I am almost of the mind to make a trip to Phoenix sometime next week, and take the matter up with him in person. I believe I can accomplish more and get quicker results, as I feel that I must take advantage of this season of the year in event I am granted the loan, so that I can start work, and have everything in order before the disagreeable weather sets in this fall.

Yesterday I had a lengthy visit with Guelio, Chief Examining Engineer in the local R.F.C. office. As anticipated, he could not be of any assistance to me, referring me to the office in Phoenix. He did express himself though, that I should receive consideration now under the new rulings. Thanking you very, very kindly for all the trouble I have put you to, I am,

Sincerely yours,

R.A. Airheart/jb



April 20, 1943

Mr. R. A. Airheart  
315 N. Coronado St.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

I have just received your letter of April 18 and I am quite surprised that you have not found everything in your file that was submitted here. We have searched our files and I feel quite sure everything you submitted to us was returned to you intact.

I have just called Mr. Neil C. Clark who had your file for a few days reviewing it and he also states that it was returned to this office intact as does my secretary.

Mr. Clark told me that he had seen a very complete file on Mount Union matters with Mr. Peach and it may be possible that the documents you say are missing were in the file that Mr. Peach had.

I do hope that you will find the copy of your application as filed with the R.F.C. with the reports and estimates. I am enclosing a copy of the letter we sent you with the files so that you may be able to check up on the dates.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

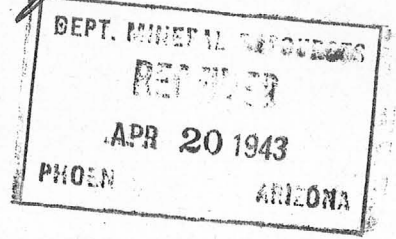
Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:LP  
Enc.



Los Angeles Calif.  
Sunday April 18"



Mr. S. J. Coupal.  
Prescott Arizona -

My dear Coupal:

I did, <sup>not</sup> notice till today, that you had failed to return the important part of my file on the Mt Union. I assumed when I addressed you on the 16<sup>th</sup> that the file was complete. The very important part is. All my copy of my application as filed with the R. F. C. data reports and estimates - It is very possible you have this in your office or you have it out with some one. Will you please give this your attention as I am badly in need of this data.

In haste and with my regards

315 N. Coronado at San Jose  
L. A. Calif.

R. H. Ingham

mt Union  
April 19, 1943

Mr. R. A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

Thank you for your letter of April 16. I am glad that you had a chance to attend the meeting in Los Angeles of the Senate Small Business Committee and to meet W. C. Broadgate.

I have talked with Mr. Gohring about a new application on the Mount Union Copper. He states that if the application is filed in Washington, it will be immediately referred to his office so that it seems as though the new application or the request for reopening of the old application should go direct to Mr. Gohring in Phoenix and thus save time.

I do feel as though it may be necessary for you to definitely prove that the mineralization exists in the caved portal of the tunnel that you propose driving. If you will recall our discussion on this subject, you will remember that it was my contention that you must definitely prove that the mineralization continues in this vein to the portal of the tunnel and in that way you may qualify for a development loan. The loans are no longer classified as development or accessibility but all come under one heading. Without adding any new evidence to your application it is, of course, quite questionable what decision will be made. They may look at the applications from a different viewpoint at this time, but I do believe you still have to convince them that your tunnel will be driven on the vein and that the vein shows mineralization at the point that you intend to drive even though the object of the tunnel and the new work is to make accessible the old workings which can most economically be made accessible by the tunnel work. In the application I would stress the fact that you wish to drive this tunnel on the vein so as to not only develop new ground but to make the old workings accessible.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

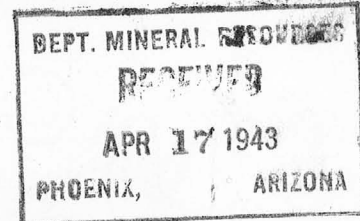
J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:kk



315 N. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

April 16, 1943.



Mr. J.S. Coupal,  
413 Home Builders Bldg.,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Coupal:

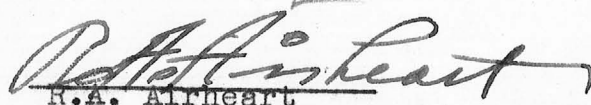
Many thanks for your promptness in returning my file, and also your timely suggestion as regards re-presenting an application for a loan on mine in question.

Today I attended the Chamber of Commerce Mining Division Luncheon, and had the pleasure of shaking hands with Senator Scrugham, and others of the Committee, meeting Mr. W.C. Broadgate who, I understand, is one of the technical members of the Senate Sub-committee. We had a very nice talk from Senator Scrugham, outlining what the Committee proposes to do on behalf of the small mine owners and operators, and I believe he was indeed very sincere, and will do everything in his power to bring about and straighten out the situation. He called for suggestions and criticisms, so we had open-house discussion. The Committee was very attentive and made notes, and requested that anyone present not having been heard would send their complaints and pleas or suggestions to the Committee in Washington, they would all receive due consideration.

I had a very nice short visit with Mr. Broadgate, refreshing his memory in regard to the appeal you made to him on my behalf on my application. He agrees, as you do, that I revive the matter, as a new application, first corresponding with Mr. Gohring, asking for his suggestions as to how to proceed to reopen or make a new application. I fully realize that Mr. Gohring is very busy, and wouldn't give the matter his immediate attention, or as much attention as I would like, to correspondence. Am I imposing too much on you, situated as you are in the same city, to call on Mr. Gohring in my behalf, as you are quite familiar with the subject? Either you or he advise me the best procedure to take. I am well acquainted with the engineers in the local office, and I'm quite sure they would assist me, on the other hand, I feel a delicacy in approaching them as my operations are entirely in Arizona, and they might just refer me back to the Phoenix office.

Thanking you very kindly in advance and my kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

  
R.A. Airheart

RAA/jb



April 14, 1943

Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

Thank you for your letter of April 13.

I am returning your data on the Mount Union  
Mine.

Due to the new regulations and, I believe, to  
the changes in policy which may be brought about  
as a result of the Senate hearings, I would suggest  
that you again present your application for re-  
consideration by the RFC Mine Loan Division.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:kk

315 No Coronado St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

April 13, 1943.



Dear Mr. Coupal:

Recent letter from Mr. Wilson as follows: "Well Mr. West turned the Mt. Union down, not as a mine, but not what the A.S. & R. wanted at this time." This leaves the situation open. I am wondering if it might be possible for me to revise my application and present it again to the R.F.C. on their new financing plan?

As you have all the data in your office, will you please return same at your convenience, so that I can proceed to draw up new papers?

I note with a great deal of satisfaction that our Western Senators are pleading with the powers that be to aid the small mine operators, giving them greater consideration and help over the hump. May we hopefully anticipate a change of attitude from the BIG SHOTS.

With very kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Ralph A. Airheart

To:

Mr. J.S. Coupal  
Dept. of Mineral Resources  
413 Home Builders Bldg.  
Phoenix, Ariz.

315 N. Coronado St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
March 10, 1943.



Mr. J. S. Coupal, Director  
413 Home Builders Bldg.  
Phoenix, Ariz.

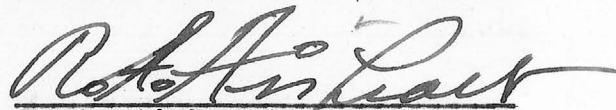
Dear Mr. Coupal:

I am just advised by Mr. Frank Wilson that the examining engineer representing the Octave people, Mr. West, visited the Mt. Union on the second of the month. Mr. Wilson expressed himself as feeling that Mr. West was quite interested in what he was able to view. He further confirmed our plans for the development of the property and the cost of such development as I had it set up in my application for the Class B loan. To me this was quite gratifying.

Mr. West requested that we give him until April the second to make a decision. This was granted, and we are very hopeful of course, that his decision will be favorable. A substantial concern like the Octave going into this particular district will stimulate others.

I want to thank you very kindly for your efforts in our behalf, and with very kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

  
R. A. Airheart

RAA/jb



February 17, 1943

Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

Thank you for your letter of February 11 and for the data you sent me in regard to the Mount Union.

The Mount Union was presented to the Octave through Mr. A. L. Peach, I believe, and the Octave Company may consider it sometime after the snow is off so that they can properly look it over.

From the attitude of the RFC and the general tightening up in loans, it is very questionable whether or not there would be any chance of getting them to change their decision and allow a loan until after the property is opened up.

If there is a chance for you to get this private money and possibly open up the property, I have no doubt that you might get favorable consideration if the property was taken up again with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Peach. I know nothing of the relations or why Mr. Peach even mentioned the property to the Octave Company.

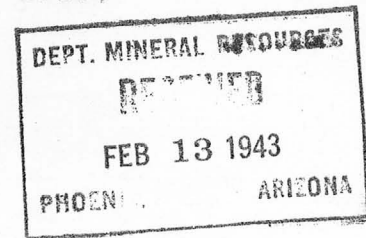
With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:kk

315 No. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Feb. 11, 1943.



Mr. J. S. Coupal, Director,  
Arizona Dept. of Mineral Resources,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Coupal:

I have before me your letters of the February 8th, and also yours of the 9th.


It was natural to assume that you were kindly interesting yourself in my behalf of the re-opening of the R.F.C. loan on the Mount Union as per letter from Miss Sparkes of Feb. 5th.

As to the re-opening of the loan, I am very doubtful, I expressed this opinion in an indirect way in paragraph 3 of my last letter.

Mr. Coupal: I am naturally first and most interested in advancing my personal ambitions. I have spent a great deal of time and no small amount of cash digging out all this information on the Mount Union. I started from scratch, had no engineer's reports, no maps; all I could get was circumstantial evidence. I sifted every one of the hearsay statements, taking the bad with the good, compiling them in the best and clearest form. I consider them truthful and can be relied upon as I have given them. You, I know, appreciate that it requires a great deal of time and much money, and incidentally patience and faith in a property to hang on and try to reach the objective, a successful operation. I have faith in the district and I want to see it go ahead. I don't want to be a party to the retarding of it's development, if I have been unsuccessful in the financing of the Mount Union I am happy to withdraw and permit someone else to step in and take over. If my data can be used to advantage, of course use it. Secondly, I am taking into account Mr. Frank Wilson, the owner. He has been most co-operative, has at all times expressed himself as having entire confidence in me and my efforts to further our mutual interests. Our contracts on the property have always been drawn in sincere and mutual wording with no advantage taken by either party, so you can see I don't want to stand in Mr. Wilson's way.

If a satisfactory deal can be made with your people I can assure you Mr. Wilson will execute a fair contract, and, quite true, I shall expect due consideration. Am I not entitled to this?

Should the occasion arise that I am needed in person either at your office or Prescott, give me 24 hours notice and I will meet you. Trusting you will keep me advised, I am with very best regards,

  
R.A. Airheart



February 9, 1943

Mr. R. A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

Thank you for your prompt compliance with the request of Miss Grace Sparkes to send me all of the information on the Mount Union Mine. As I wrote you before, my interest in obtaining this information was to present it to parties who might consider going ahead with the property with private finances.

If you are working toward getting a review on your application, I believe it would be better for me to withhold submitting the information you have presented to the people I had in mind. I can say in confidence that this has been taken up with the Arizona Eastern Mining Company, who own and operate the Octave Mine. Whether the people who have brought this to the Octave's attention have the right to bring it in view of the fact that you are working on a loan, I am unable to say; but I am holding your file intact pending a reply from you.

When this was called to my attention, I am sorry to say, I failed to connect the Mount Union with you and with the discussion that I had regarding your asking for a review of this application.

I hope you will pardon me for this, but so many of them come to my attention that at times I fear I become a little confused or at least fail to properly tie in some of the discussions with the various properties.

As stated, I will hold this up until I hear from you as to whether or not I should pass your information along or hold it until we get a determination on your loan application.

Thank you for your comments on the good the Department has done and let's hope we may continue to be of service to all of the small mine operators.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal, Director

JSC:kk



315 No. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

February 8, 1943.

Miss Grace M. Sparkes, Secretary,  
Yavapai County Council  
Arizona Small Mine Operators Assoc.,  
Prescott, Ariz.

Dear Miss Sparkes:

I have your very nice letter of February 5th.

Complying with your request, I am today mailing Mr. Coupal my complete file on the Mount Union and I trust, and in fact I know, that he will do everything in his power to help me accomplish the objective.

I want to thank you very kindly for your interest in my behalf, and I appreciate it very, very much.

I have kept our friend, Frank Wilson, advised as to what has taken place. In a recent letter he expressed himself as being very much disappointed as we had planned to do some real mining on the Mount Union. I am also advised that Mrs. Tomlinson was successful in getting her loan, and I wish her all the luck in the world. She will be successful I am sure. If we can get a few more properties operating in the vicinity, there is no question but what we will surprise some of the knockers. I have in hand the funds to open up the Frank Wilson property just as soon as the weather will permit. When this has been accomplished it is my intention to reopen my application for a Class C loan.

With my very kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

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R. A. Airheart

Enclosure  
Copy to Coupal

RAA/hmw


Page 2.

of the small mine owner than the Bureaucratic desk-chair engineers and examiners in Washington. The Department of Mineral Resources should receive the wholehearted support from your Governor instead of the action against the department taken by him. No one appreciates more what you and Mr. Willis have done in our behalf, and I am sure that every small mine owner and every person directly or indirectly are for you one hundred percent.

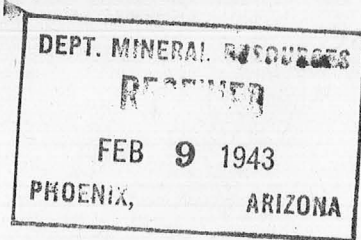
I am enclosing an addressed stamped envelope for your convenience in returning the enclosed file.

Again thanking you very, very kindly for all that you have done, or what you may do in my behalf, I am

Very truly yours,

  
R. A. Airheart

RAA/hmw



315 No. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

February 8, 1943.

Mr. J. S. Coupal, Director,  
Arizona Dept. of Mineral Resources,  
413 Home Builders Bldg.,  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Coupal:

I am today in receipt of a letter from Miss Sparks in which she requests that I send you all the data re Mount Union Mine. I herewith send you my complete file as sent to the R.F.C. This data is complete.

When I received their first letter stating that an examination would be made of the property, I felt very much encouraged. I gave them my frank and honest statements as I had gathered them from sources that I knew were reliable. In no instance did I amplify or in any way try to glamorize or make the property stand out as an exception. It is quite true that I only submitted circumstantial evidence as there is no other evidence to submit. I have wondered many times, after receiving their turn-down, why did they (after reviewing my application) send an engineer to examine the property. I frankly told Mr. Lane that he would see nothing more than what had been stated in my application. I believe I have covered this in my letter to Mr. Rait, dated January 16, 1943.

I have not answered Mr. Tully's letter of January 27th as I am right back to the start; namely, if I had the funds to build the road, buy the machinery and drive the drift tunnel to get under the exposed and known surface showings, I wouldn't ask the R.F.C. for the funds to accomplish this. Don't you believe that I made this very clear to them in my application?

Might I ask you to please refer to next to the last paragraph on Page 3, my letter January 16th, to Mr. Rait. I have no ill feeling towards Mr. Lane. I do believe, though, that he hasn't had the experience -- I don't think that he showed due consideration either of me or the property, and I'll frankly say that it is my personal opinion that he would be better qualified to pass on a tailings dump or operate a small cyanide plant. If in his report to his superiors he stated that the work would not result in a successful mining venture, I very much question his ability or capacity to make a definite statement of this kind.

I certainly am very appreciative of your valuable efforts in my behalf and I feel that I am very much indebted to you. Both you and Mr. Willis are doing more for the advancement



February 8, 1943

Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

I have just received a copy of the letter sent by Miss Grace Sparkes to you on February 3.

I am interested in getting the complete data on the Mount Union Mine. My desire to get this data was to submit it to certain mining people who were considering taking over the property for operating purposes on their own money. If the application made by you was rejected, I do not see how reconsideration could be asked unless additional information was supplied. This information would have to be of such a nature as to show a much increased value to the property.

I would appreciate having the information available if you care to send it to me. I will return it as soon as I have looked it over.

With best wishes, I am

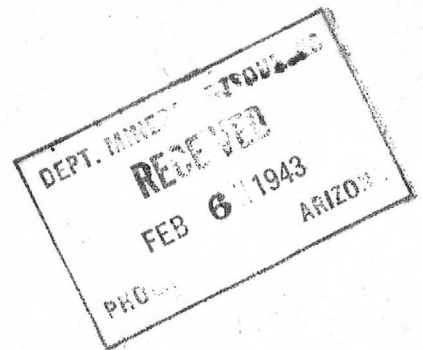
Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal  
Director

JSC:kk

cc - Miss Grace M. Sparkes  
P. O. Box 346  
Prescott, Arizona

Feb. 5, 1943



Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

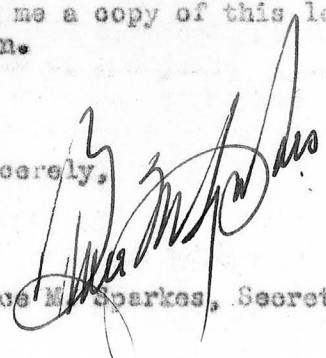
Recently I received a request from Mr. Sam Coupal to send immediately all the data, reports, etc. that we could find on the Mount Union mine. Inasmuch as you conferred with Mr. Willis and Mr. Coupal at my suggestion, will you please forward to him at the address listed below all the data that you have.

Mr. J. S. Coupal, Director  
Arizona Department of Mineral Resources  
413 Home Builders Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

I know he will be glad to receive your reports and I am confident he may be able to assist you in obtaining a reconsideration of the loan. Please write him in detail, sending me a copy of this letter for our files and information.

Thanking you, we are,

Sincerely,

  
Grace M. Sparkes, Secretary

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cc:  
Coupal

*Mount Union*

December 21, 1942

Mr. R. A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

Upon my return to the office I found your letter of December 14 and note what you say about the examining engineer and the survey he made. Evidently this information was available when your application was being considered in Washington, and as I stated in my former letter, the additional information requested should be clearly set forth in order to get favorable consideration for your application.

I will be glad to see you when you next come to Phoenix and wish to suggest that you take steps to present the information requested as a special item so that the whole application may get immediate consideration.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

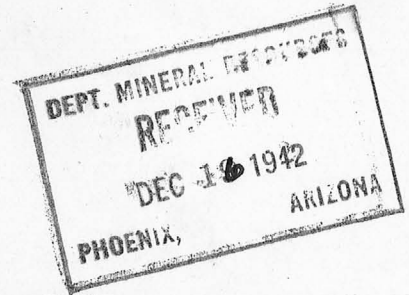
J. S. Coupal, Director

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315 No. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

December 14, 1942.



To -

Mr. Sam Coupal, Director,  
Arizona Department of Mineral Resources  
413 Home Builders Building  
Phoenix, Arizona.

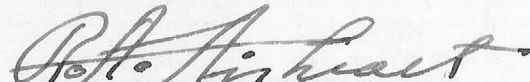
Dear Mr. Coupal:

I have before me your very informative letter of the 9th. Many thanks, and when you write Mr. Broadgate will you please express to him my appreciation for the time and effort in my behalf. I may need his help at a later day in carrying out his timely suggestions, altho he possibly did not see my statement regarding the lower drift tunnel. This tunnel is on the vein and in over 65'. Mr. Lane, examining engineer made 'Brunton' survey and told me he would sketch same and attach to my application. He cut three samples in the face - this is in the Oxidized zone - only 30' below the surface. He cut samples in shallow shaft up the vein and it is very likely when the drift tunnel gets under this showing the ore will be heavy in sulphides carrying lead and zinc.

I hope to be in Phoenix within ten days, at which time, if you will grant me more of your valuable time we might then clarify some points that perhaps are not clear to you and Mr. Broadgate - so in the meantime, while awaiting a decision from Washington, don't you think it best to let the matter ride?

Again I want to thank you for your very valuable and sincere efforts and I feel quite confident results will come forth to our liking. I am

Yours very truly,

  
R. A. Airheart

RAA/hmw

*Mount Union*

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December 9, 1942

Mr. Ralph A. Airheart  
315 North Coronado Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Airheart:

Subject: Class "B" Loan  
Docket B-ND-4311  
Mount Union Mine

I have just had a memorandum from W. C. Broadgate in Washington in which he states that there was a delay in handling your application but that, confidentially, and this is in no way official, your application is slated for a turndown.

Broadgate has written me at length on this and in one part he states, "Evidently in the original application, there was no indication of ore where the drift tunnel was to be started and, as you know, under the development rules, the work must be in ore." He furthermore states that he suggests that with additional information "Mr. Airheart can send in and request that the case be reopened." He also states what will be needed is a sketch showing the vein and the shaft, the 10 foot shaft mentioned on the vein 100 feet above the drift tunnel showing their proper relations, and assays from samples taken by an engineer showing that the workings on the drift tunnel and on the shallow shaft are in ore.

In my letter to Broadgate I stated that the drift tunnel had been started and was in 10 or 20 feet and that evidence shows that the mineralization in the vein occurs at the portal of the proposed 650 foot drift tunnel and was in a 10 foot shaft on the vein about 100 feet up the hill from the portal of the proposed tunnel.

Broadgate furthermore states that he can readily see why the tunnel will be the best way to get into the old workings and he thinks the Examiner will be of the same mind if he can technically approve the deal because of having a face of ore to work on or good showings at the face and proper indications on the shallow shaft mentioned 100 feet from the proposed tunnel.