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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: SUNSET MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

MCKALOUFF AND GILBERT PROP.
THOMAS MCAULIFFE GROUP
THOMAS GIANMI CLAIMS
GILBERT CLAIMS
LAST DOLLAR CLAIM

PINAL COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 207

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 3 S RANGE 11 E SECTION 10 QUARTER SE
LATITUDE: N 33DEG 10MIN 55SEC LONGITUDE: W 111DEG 12MIN 05SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: MINERAL MTN - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:

GOLD
SILVER
LEAD
COPPER SULFIDE
COPPER OXIDE

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

ADMMR SUNSET MINE FILE
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PHOENIX, ARIZONA



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POSTAGE DUE 2 CENTS

Mr. W. O. Kay
Sunset Mining Company
Box 265
Superior, Arizona

August 7, 1958

Sunset Mine (Pinal County)	copper with some gold and silver
(Property)	(ore)

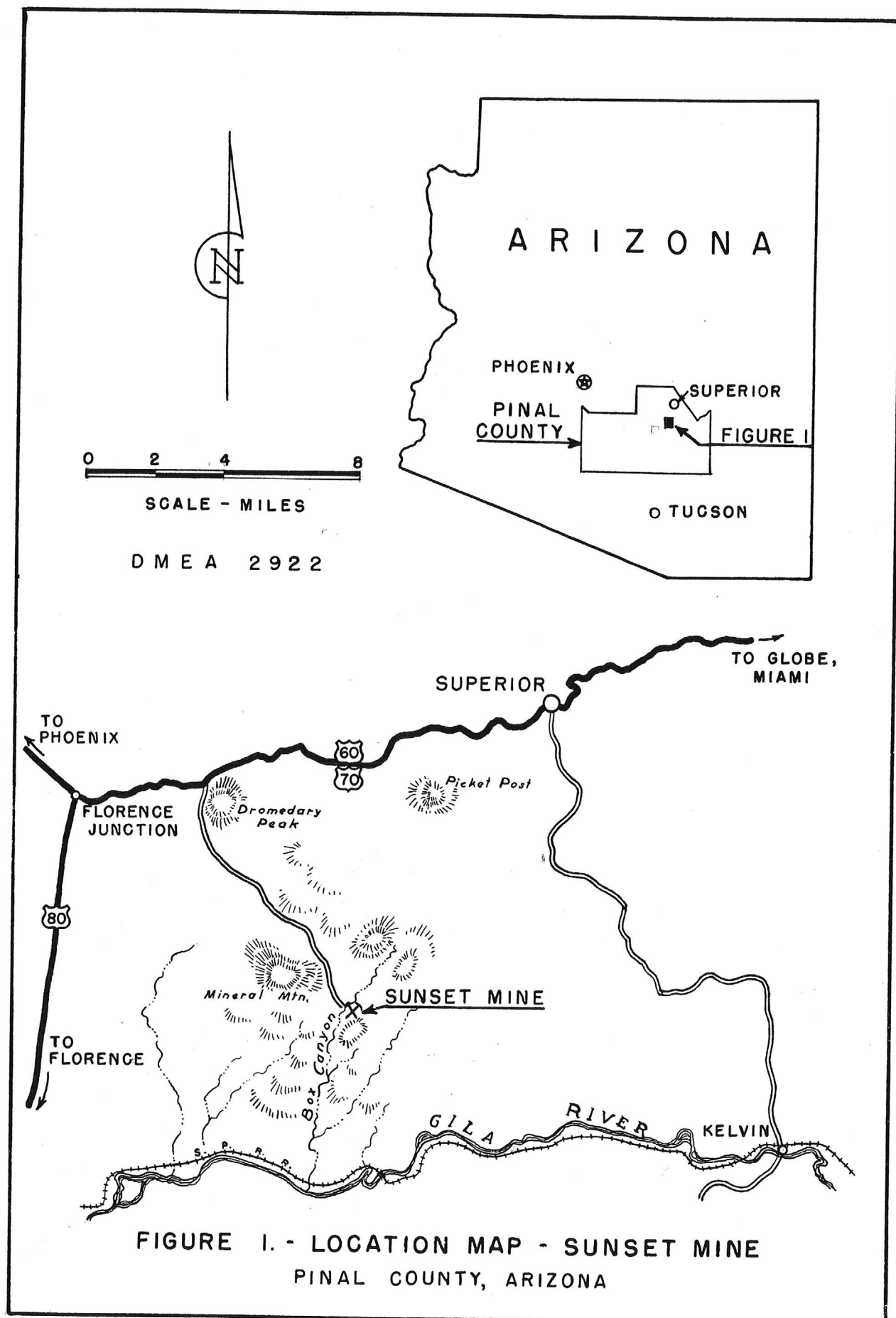
We have an old listing of the above property which we would like to have brought up to date.

Please fill out the enclosed Mine Owner's Report form with as complete detail as possible and attach copies of reports, maps, assay returns, shipment returns or other data which you have not sent us before and which might interest a prospective buyer in looking at the property.

Frank P. Knight

FRANK P. KNIGHT,
Director.

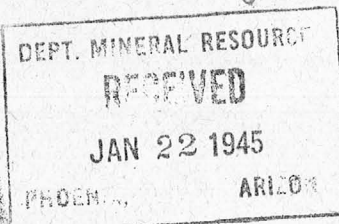
Enc: Mine Owner's Report



Sunset Mining Company

INCORPORATED

Florence Junction, Arizona



1104 Bryant Street--San Francisco 3, California. January 20-1945

Arizona Department of Mineral Resources
304 Home Builders Building
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Dunning;

I was called here late last month and expected to remain here only couple of weeks, been delayed but will leave for the Mine around last of this month,

We are working the same crew we had when you and Mr. MacFarlane called upon us at the mine on the 1st of last month, we encountered some good ore and shipped a car of same on the 10th of December, also should soon ship another car, although lately we put three of the men working at another point where we hope to soon get good shipping ore, from letters received from the mine I can plainly see we will need more of the Non-Highway gasoline within the next couple of weeks, or maybe sooner, so, am herewith enclosing the Application for an additional 1590 gallons.

This Application might be a couple of weeks earlier than we originally thought we might need more of this gasoline, but we SUPRE have been doing considerable work at the mine, using both compressors some days and one compressor practically every day, also hoisting both ore and waste right along, we try to watch this very carefully and use the gasoline only when necessary, Am also enclosing herewith the last "Mileage Ration Identification Folder".

While at the Ration Board in Florence, Arizona on the 15th of last month, Miss Sims (in charge there) incidentally stated we should send you this Application "at least two weeks before we needed the gasoline".

I will greatly appreciate it if you will forward to me here (W.O.Kay-1104 Bryant Street-San Francisco 3, California) your approval for this Non-Highway Gasoline and I then will forward same to the Florence Ration Board with request they mail the coupons direct to the Sunset Mine- box 265-Superior, Arizona, so our foreman can get them before he runs out of the few coupons he now has on hand.

Will call upon you just to say "hello" when enroute back to the mine, in the meantime please accept my best regards and thanks,

Yours very truly

W.O. Kay

W.O. Kay
Sunset Mining Company

August 28, 1944

Mr. Thomas Giannini
445 Myrtle Street
Redwood City, California

Dear Sir:

The latest news we have concerning the Sunset Mine in Pinal County, Arizona is dated March 21, 1944 and is as follows:

"It is expected that actual production will be started at the Sunset mine sometime in April and development work is proceeding. The 386-foot crosscut off the 310-foot level has just been completed at the Sunset, which is about 20 miles northeast of Florence, Arizona. Values are in copper, gold and silver, and five men are employed at present. The property is being operated by W. O. Kay, Florence Junction, Arizona, under lease from the Sunset Mining Company."

We will forward your letter to our field engineer in that district, Mr. Andrew Macfarlane of Globe, Arizona, and ask him to advise you direct if there is any later news.

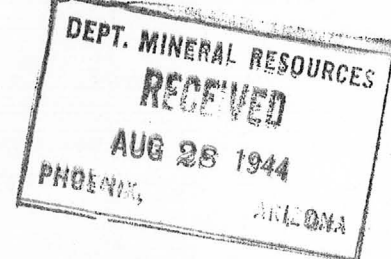
Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

CHD:LP

CC: Mr. Andrew Macfarlane

Redwood City, Calif.
August 25th 1944



Arizona Bureau of Mines
413- Home Builders Building
Phoenix, Ariz.

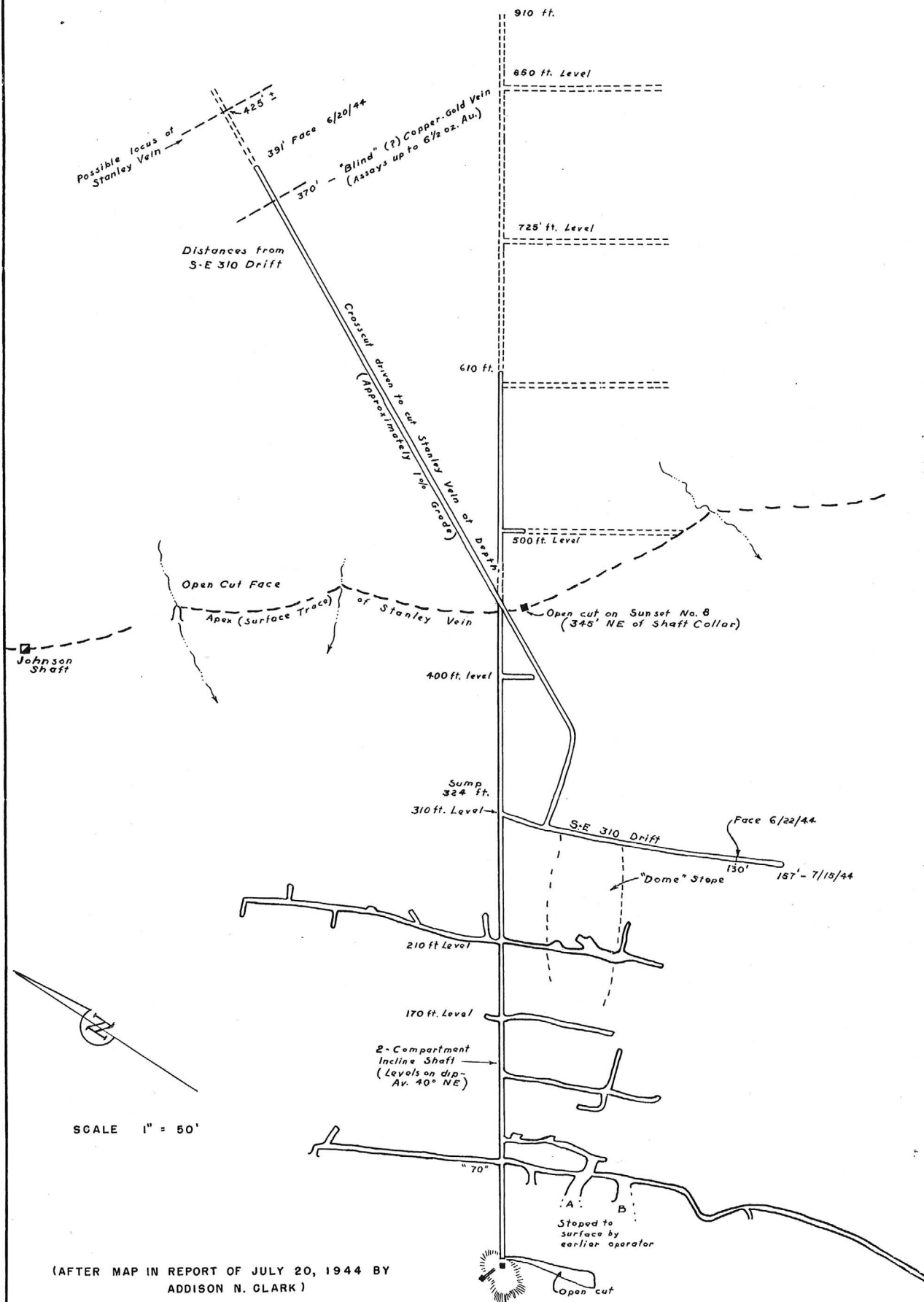
Gentlemen;

I would like to make an enquirelregarding some
infomation on The Sunset Mining Corporation located at
at Florence Junction; Arizona.

I wish to know if it is operating
now at this present time, and if so what minerals do they
or metals take from the mines. Any information that I may
receive from you will be kept strictly confidential, and
appreciated. Thanking you very kindly, I remain

Yours very truly.

Thomas Giannini
445- Myrtle St.
Redwood City, Calif.



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FIGURE 2. - PLAN OF SUNSET MINE WORKINGS
MINERAL HILLS DISTRICT

PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA

Sunset

January 23, 1945

Mr. W. O. Kay
Box 265
Superior, Arizona

Dear Mr. Kay:

We have received your letter of the 20th with gas application and take pleasure in approving same and returning herewith.

We trust your shipments turn out well and continue to increase and that you make a lot of money.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

CHD:LP
Enc.

August 28, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Andrew Macfarlane

FROM: Chas. H. Dunning

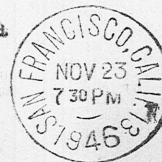
Herewith inquiry regarding the Sunset Mine near
Florence.

If you have any further data you might write this
man and send copy for our file.

CHD:LP
Enc. 2

SUNSET
COPPER COMPANY
MINE OFFICE: BOX 265
SUPERIOR, ARIZONA

• W.O.Kay
1104 Bryant Street
San Francisco 3, California



Department of Mineral Resources
304 Home Builders Building
Phoenix, Arizona.

ATTN. Mr. Chas H. Dunning

MT-13

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
OWNERS MINE REPORT

Date January 11, 1940

Mine Thomas McAuliffe Group

District Mineral Hill Mining District

Location 17 mi. N E of Florence

Former name

Owner A. A. Brunenkaut ✓

Address Box 162, Florence

Operator

Address

President

Gen. Mgr.

Mine Supt. ✓

Mill Supt.

Principal Metals Silver, lead, gold, copper ✓

Men Employed

Production Rate

Power: Amt. & Type

THOMAS MCAULIFFE GROUP

Operations: Present Property inactive

Ag, Pb, Au, Cu

Pinal 11 - 3 T 3 S, R 11 E

A. A. Brunenkaut, Box 162, Florence

Operations Planned Further development.

Number Claims, Title, etc. 9 unpatented claims.

Description: Topog. & Geog. Rather steep but not very high hills and washes. Vegetation sparse.

Mine Workings: Amt. & Condition

1 - Inclined shaft - approx. 300' deep - water stands 60'
1 - " " " 20' " (from collar.)
1 - Winze " 45' "

Approximately 600' of tunnel
Various stopes & shallow surface cuts
All workings open except deep shaft.

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Addison N. Clark
CONSULTING MINING ENGINEER AND GEOLOGIST
1440 BROADWAY, OAKLAND 12, CALIFORNIA

ELECTRO-
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Feb. 12
1949

Mr. William O. Kay,
Vice President and General Manager,
SUNSET MINING COMPANY,
213 Minna Street, San Francisco/3.

Dear Mr. Kay:

Since writing you I have had a conference with Mr. George Cassar, who as your mine foreman during the time of your sinking the Sunset Shaft from the 310-foot to the 600-foot level, and your key-man at the mine during both of my surveys in 1944, is thoroughly conversant with underground conditions---and who knows his mining geology a hell of a lot better than a few men I know who term themselves geologists.

My talk with Cassar, during which I took copious notes that will be quite valuable to us when we resume operations, confirmed conclusions of mine which I had made long before I talked with him---in fact, I arrived at some of them clear back in the end of 1944 while I was sojourning on the property with yourself.

One was that the character of the covellite (rich copper-sulphide ore in that vein) would change from crumbly, "sooty" and hard-to-save powdery material which in that dry desert air ran out of every crack in your bin and the ore-cars on the railroad, to hard crystalline form, beneath the level of the "permanent water-level" or "table". At the point in the drift southeast from the 510-foot shaft-level which is just about beneath the place in the 310-foot level where I took my richest covellite specimen-samples (and I have those samples yet, fortunately) Cassar stated that he found the hard, crystalline covellite in the rock-seams in the vein.

Since covellite in its purer form is 86% copper and 14% sulphur, that is very gratifying information indeed.

Another point on which I quizzed Cassar was: Does the calcite in the vein persist to depth?

✓ Cassar's reply was to produce a small sample-sack, extract a finelooking specimen of crystalline calcite and hand it to me---from the 510-foot level. I promptly appropriated it, and now have it. You will recall my asking you in June of 1944 where the nearest limestone formations are, with relation to the mine; and your telling me that you knew of none at all near it; and the long face I pulled over that---till you casually mentioned that you had calcite in the Sunset Vein. Do you recall that I more or less mentally aviated at that---and told you that calcite is (a) the mother of limestone and (b) your catalytic-precipitant which is responsible for the deposition, out of up-flowing magmatic solutions in that and the other two fissure veins, of your sulphide copper ores?

Persistence of your calcite to depth, and presence at depth (below level of "permanent water-table") of rich covellite ore in hard crystalline form, are

about all the incentive you or any one else could need for aggressive re-financing and prosecution of operations on the property---and on as large a scale as the financial set-up will permit.

But when I asked Mr. Cassar some leading questions about the paralleling Stanley Vein, where it is cut by the 310-foot level crosscut and into which you (and Cassar himself, leasing) drove drifts and a winze, out of his sack of characteristic ore-samples came a sizeable chunk of "gray copper" ore of a character which made me borrow a hammer, whack it in two, and appropriate half of it---which is in my briefcase along with that calcite crystal.

Gray copper is chalcocite, one of the richest of the sulphide copper ores. I do not recall the exact copper-to-sulphur ratio, as my table-handbook is "on lendlease" to Miss Ashley at the moment; but it comes to me that it is in the neighborhood of 79% copper to 21% sulphur. A body of chalcocite, or a good plump sub-vein of it below the water-table (in the "sulphide-zone") will stand a few engineers I know on their ears. Myself ditto. And---you can expect it---because since it is present in that winze in the Stanley Vein only some 20-odd feet below permanent water-table level, it is sound logic to expect more of it, and richer, at lower levels in the Stanley Vein.

Reverting to the covellite: Cassar told me something which I previously had not known---or suspected: That in the covellite found in the Magma Mine are appreciable silver values. I shall have qualitative tests made at once on the 310-foot-level covellite samples I have, to see if silver is also present in Sunset covellite. If so, it will help your gold values to foot mining and concentrating costs of the copper ore.

I have purposely "soft-pedaled" on your personally-reported sample-assay of a sample, taken by yourself, from the winze in the Stanley Vein's sub-vein which you call "the gold vein", carrying 6.52 ounces of gold per ton (if you had a ton of it). At the Treasury-spiked \$35 price of gold (which is a high crime and misdemeanor against the mining industry, committed by the New Deal Administration) that means a dollar-value (gross) of \$228 per ton. With any such values, or a fraction of such values, of gold ore in your Stanley Vein as that---or even such values as the \$38 per ton return on your own personal sample taken there on St. Patrick's Day of 1945---you and your associates can be definitely sanguine. However: It is highly probable that in the zone of that vein below water-table level the ores will become "baser", and such gold values as occur will be more locked up in and with the sulphides of iron and copper. But you have several hundred feet (more than 400) of oxidized-zone ore in that vein between that winze-level and its apex, and close to 3,000 feet of workable length. You can draw your own conclusions.

You may take the foregoing in connection with my letter of February 9. I am sending this also to you in duplicate.

My recommendation is that you and your associates take expeditious steps to get the property refinanced, pumped out, equipped with adequate hoisting and air-compressor facilities, and into full-scale operation. The copper shortage in this country---and abroad---and the Government's stockpiling demands too, make this a key-time to get any such potential copper producer actually into commercial production.

ANC/fv

Sincerely,
Addison M. Clark

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Feb. 9
1949

Mr. William O. Kay,
Vice President and General Manager,
Sunset Mining Company,
213 Minna Street, San Francisco 3, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kay:--

It is a matter of justifiable personal pride to me to learn that you have plans in hand to reactivate the Sunset Mine in Pinal County, Arizona, and to install more adequate machinery to sink its main (Sunset) shaft deeper and into the sulphide ore zone of the Sunset Vein. I say "personal pride" because in my 1944 report on your property I "pulled no punches" when I had surveyed it, surficially and underground, merely stating in it my technical findings and the inescapable conclusions I arrived at through close-up study of the property and adjacent and general regional geology.

Since you and your affiliates have done me the honor to name me as consulting engineer to your older or "pioneer" corporation, you can depend upon me to place and keep at your disposal all of the data and intimate knowledge on and of the property which I have, and to co-operate with you in every way I can in your refinancing program and the ensuing re-equipment needful to deeper sinking on the Sunset Vein and such lateral ore-development as shall be deemed advisable during and after the shaft-deepening.

As to vein-exploration beyond the deepened shaft, as well as to the northwest and southeast of it in that vein: As I have told you, this winter I have been working out details, costs, etc., for a diamond drilling exploration program for the Giant Jumbo lead-silver-copper-gold property nine miles west of Battle Mountain, Nevada---working "in closed circuit" with Mr. Stanley F. O'Leary, President of the Giant Jumbo Mining Corporation, who himself is an experienced mining engineer (Stanford University School of Mines '13). Details of that program, tied in as a supplement or "codicil" to the last report made by any engineer or geologist on the property (my own of 1938) show somewhat strikingly the saving over sinking and drifting which can and will be effected in that vein-exploration soon as weather conditions in Nevada permit our taking one of several bidding contractors to the property and "setting the green light".

My file copy of that report and the 1948 revisions and recommendations are, with Mr. O'Leary's sanction, at your disposal for study. I think that a perusal will give you some ideas as to considerable potential savings in exploration of the Sunset Vein.

However: The Sunset Vein is only the smaller of two true fissure veins within the Sunset Mining Company property, and only about 700 feet from the Sunset Vein to the southwest, paralleling it, is the true-fissure Arizona Mining Company Group vein, which from surface comparisons appears to be as large as the Sunset Vein and Stanley Vein combined.

It is entirely practicable to explore both the Sunset Vein and its northeast and southwest paralleling neighbor fissure veins from a single drilling machine set-up at the bottom of the Sunset Shaft. And that means from either its present bottom, at 610 feet (incline-depth) or a sump say 300 feet deeper than as of now. Such a downward-ahead drill-test, with two-way "drift" drillholes, in the Sunset Vein, together with one or more drillholes from that set-up laterally into both the Stanley and the Arizona Mining veins (i.e., "crosscutting" holes) undoubtedly will disclose, at the respective vein-depths, vital and interesting knowledge. Knowledge, moreover, which can and probably will save thousands of dollars of operating capital.

In my estimate for the Giant Jumbo drilling program I am figuring, as you will note, on several holes that may exceed 1,000 feet in length. Test-holes at the Sunset will not have to be that long.

Bear in mind, too, the fact that a horizontal "crosscut hole" from the present (610-foot) bottom level of the Sunset Shaft would tap the Stanley Vein at an (inclined) depth of at least 800 feet; and, on the other side, tap the large Arizona Mining Group vein at an incline-depth in excess of a thousand feet down from the immense outcrop on the peak southwest of the collar of your Sunset Shaft.

For the reasons inherent in the foregoing, I definitely recommend that we include some diamond-drill exploration (and contractual, too---under our own engineering direction---and not Government-bossed Bureau of Mines drilling, at the time and pleasure of the USBM field men) in our Sunset program.

From perusal of my Giant Jumbo report-supplements you will see that the overall total of my cost estimate is \$50,000. That covers an estimated total of 5,000 feet (a mile) of drill-hole. Furthermore, the "breakdown" includes \$5,000 for rehabilitation of shaft and roads that we will not have to include in Sunset estimates. Also, that \$15,000 item can be pared down somewhat in the Sunset case. However, since underground drilling is powered by compressed air, an absolutely-dependable compressor is a MUST for Sunset. Ditto for a mine-ventilation blower and engine. And while that old 15-HP Fairbanks-Morse gas-powered hoist might get by in a pinch, I frankly do not recommend that.

I do recommend that you inaugurate steps, as expeditiously as you can, for enlistment of a minimum of \$50,000 operating capital to commence exploration and commercial development of the

Sunset Vein itself, and to initiate supplementary diamond drilling exploration of that vein and both of the larger veins. It would be "better business" to set \$75,000 as the financing objective, with the added \$25,000 as a sensible contingency margin. O'Leary, incidentally, in his own Giant Jumbo financing plans is doing precisely that; and incidentally too, while it is not itemized, you will see my own compensation for engineering supervision in the bottom item of that "breakdown" on page 21-A of my report.

The Sunset property, and the co-controlled adjoining Arizona Mining Co. group, definitely warrant expenditure of the amount of capital named above. The Sunset Mining Company's property, exclusive of the sidelining Arizona Mining Company ground and its large fissure vein, alone well warrants that much capital expenditure. With the Sunset Shaft itself already 300 feet below the "permanent water-table", all-sulphide mineralization can be expected within moderate added sinking depth. As a matter of simple fact, that shaft is virtually within the sulphide zone now; and while I have not personally been below the 310-foot level in the shaft, at that depth you already were disclosing copper values in such forms as bornite and covellite. I found also spots of chalcocite at that depth, and evidence at one spot of cuprite and tetrahedrite. All rich copper ores. And they did not get there from above.

The Sunset has one thing in common with the famous Magma Mine--- in the Sunset Vein there have been associated gold values of a magnitude to warrant belief that recovered byproduct gold will go far towards footing the bills for recovery of commercial copper values. And the gold values disclosed in the Stanley Vein 350 feet northeast of the Sunset Shaft, in that crosscut, warrant that belief for that vein as well. It probably will hold good also for the large Arizona Mining Group vein.

Recent sharp rises in the market prices of base metals are definitely a favorable factor for Sunset. Demands of Industry plus war-preparedness stockpiling make this a very favorable time to make a definite start towards getting Sunset into commercial production. And as to its paying worth-while financial returns to those who elect to "sit in" with you by co-investment, there is no doubt in my mind whatever---given adequate refinancing on the lines suggested, conservative business management, and sound engineering direction of operations.

You and your associates may count upon me to co-operate with you to the fullest in your getting such a program financed and under way. I said five years ago, and I repeat now, that the Sunset can be developed into a major Arizona producing mine. With your dead wood cleared, and an operating treasury set up, you will be definitely on your way to such a status.

Sincerely,

Addison M. Clark

ANC/mm

Mr. Addison N. Clark
Consulting Mining Engineer,
1440 Broadway,
Oakland, California.

LAMMA COPPER COMPANY

MINE ASSAY CERTIFICATE

FOR SUNSET MINE

DATE June 23, 1944

No.	LOCATION	Cu. %	Ag. Oz.	Au. Oz.	Pb %	Zinc %	% Moisture	REMARKS
1-S	Johnson Sh/Stanley V	2.41	0.80	0.08	(Grab/Red Oxide Ore)			\$11.56/Ton
2-S	" " " "	2.21	0.40	0.20	(" /Black ")			\$14.80/Ton
3-S	" Tun.250'NW/Sh.	1.33	0.50	0.50	(Red.Ox/some sulph.)			\$22.37/Ton
4-S	" " " " "	5.75	0.80	0.16	(Hvy.blk.sul.& CO ₂)			\$25.72/Ton
5-S	S.V.Tun.350'SE Sh.	11.50	2.00	0.06	(" " " & Malach)			\$42.62/Ton
6-S	Cut,SS#8,Stan. Vein	3.79	0.20	0.02	(Grab/Sul.& Carbs)			\$13.72/Ton
SS-1	Sunset Vein/210'Levl	0.39	0.10	0.02	(X-Fissure N of Sh.)			\$ 1.76/Ton
SS-2	SS Vein/310'Lev.S.	20.75	3.00	0.02	(Covellite & Bl.Ox.)			\$73.38/Ton
SS-3	" " / " " "	3.74	0.80	0.02	(Same/across 2 feet)			\$14.00/Ton
SS-4G	X-Cut 310'Lev.370'NE	1.92	0.40	1.00	(Au.Vein,top shoot)			\$41.80/Ton
SS-5	310' Lev.S., Face	2.90	0.60	0.02	(Grab fr. skipload)			\$10.56/Ton
SS-6	" " " "	12.78	2.00	0.02	(1½' W. fr. H-W) . .			\$45.75/Ton
SS-7	" " " "	0.20	0.10	0.02	(2' below F-W Gouge)			\$ 0.70/Ton
SS-8L	Lead-Zinc V, S.S.#10	0.20	0.40	0.01	19.8	3.3		\$31.20/Ton

Sunset Mine Examination Samples: Cu @17¢ incl.
Prem.; Ag @71¢; Au @ \$35/ Pb @ 6½¢;
Zn.@ 8½¢

W. W. Simon.
ASSAYER

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

News Items

Date March 13, 1940.

Mine Mc Auliffe Group.

Location 16 Mi. NE of Florence

Owner A.H. Brunenkant

Address Florence, Arizona.

Under option to

Operating Co. Sunset Mining Co.

Address Florence, Arizona.

Pres.

Genl. Mgr. Stanley A. Wardle

Mine Supt.

Mill Supt.

Principal Metals Gold, copper, lead, silver

Men Employed ??

Production Rate Not producing

Mill, Type & Capacity

Power, Amt. & Type

Signed Wardle

(Over)

Present Operations

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL

News Items

Date March 13, 1940

Mine Mc Allister Group

Location 18 mi. NE of Florence

Owner A. H. Brimmon

New Work Planned

The Sunset people recently obtained a 60 day option on this property, which adjoins their own, and are doing quite extensive sampling at various points on the ground. It is reported that results obtained to date have been very encouraging.

Genl. Mgr. Stanley A. Wardle

Mine Supt.

Mill Supt.

Principal Metals Gold, copper, lead, silver

Men Employed 22

Production Rate Not producing

Mill Type & Capacity

Power A.C. & Type

Signed

(Over)

Ross & Wiley
Assayer
Charges \$1.50

NAME OF MINE: SUNSET

COUNTY: PINAL

DISTRICT:

METALS: CU Ag, Au

OPERATOR AND ADDRESS:

MINE STATUS

DATE:

5/1/44

W.O. Kay, Florence

Box 265, Superior

DATE:

5/1/44

Developing

1. Sunset Mine
2. Pinal County, Arizona
3. C. E. Inskoop
4. W. R. Jones
5. Examined December 22, 1948
6. Low grade copper-gold ore
7. "It is my opinion that there is nothing exposed at this time to justify the expenditure of a necessarily large amount of money in proving up what will undoubtedly be a small tonnage of low grade ore."
8. _____

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★ The Sunset Copper Co. expects to resume work at an early date on 17 lode claims northeast of Florence. The mine has been opened by a 600-ft. inclined shaft which will be sunk to contact the sulphide zone.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Sunset

Date February 20, 1963

District Mineral Hill Dist., Pinal Co.

Engineer Lewis A. Smith

Subject: Brief mine visit and previous interview with Woody Nichols (Globe)

Location: Approximately Sections 1-2, T. 3 S., R. 11 E.

Access: 4 miles E of Florence Junction on Hwy. 60-70, thence 12 miles on a graded county road to the southeast. This county road continues on south to Price and Florence via Martinez Canyon. (It is 2 miles south of the Ajax and Woodpecker mines and is adjoined on the south by the Gilbert Group, also owned by Nichols.) The road was severely gutted by recent torrential rains.

Owner: Woody Nichols, Globe, Arizona.

Minerals: (1) lead-silver
(2) copper, gold and silver

Work: The main shaft is reported to be 200 feet deep but is partially filled by water at present. According to the caretaker who had worked in the mine, the mine had several hundred feet of lateral workings and some stopes.

Geology: From the meager outcrops the main vein traverses schists that are strongly iron stained near the outcrops. It strikes about NW-SE and is intermittently exposed under a strong gossan or "iron cap."

The dumps show some quartz, galena, anglesite, cerussite and calcite, and these dumps are extensive.

North of the 200 foot shaft, approximately 300 feet, there is an undeveloped vein that is somewhat transverse to the main vein. This vein is exposed on a sharp ridge in a few separated small outcrops and from these it was estimated that it trends NW but at a greater angle than the main vein. It appears where observed to be about 3-5 feet wide and contains chrysocolla, malachite and calcite with some quartz. Nichols reported that it runs up to 22 per cent copper, but would average much less. He plans to open it up before long.

It is planned to visit this area later when the roads are more accessible.

Conference with Woodrow Nichols, owner, 11/9/66 - Mine Visit afterward.

Nichols reported further bulldozer work north of the old Sunset workings and the making of a road to the ridge crest. At the top a bulldozer cut exposed oxidized copper in a vein that is transverse to the main Sunset vein. The exposed part of this vein appears to be about 4 feet wide. Nichols plans more work before the winter is over. The cut is up to 6 feet deep now, whereas in February it was shallower.

MEMO LAS 11/9/66

Paul:

Have no idea what
area he is talking about.
Perhaps an inquiry to him
would clear it up.

(DTH)

P. G. Mow
P. O. Box 1074
Dominion Hotel
Globe, Arizona
March 4, 1964

Shattock Den Mining Corporation
Humbolt
Arizona

ATTENTION: Mr. D. M. Kentro

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to mining property I have in the Mineral Hills Mining District. I have one of the old mining holds in that area. It lays west of the Silverbelt Martinez mine. The property is unpatented mining claims dating back behind the first World War, set by two of my brothers and one half-brother. The property covers the Old Sunset Mine the McKalouff and Gilbert property. I have around 35 claims I am in on.

The Old Sunset working at the present time. I have 15 or 18 tons of good Malacite and Pyrite ore stacked up off of the big ore vein, I have uncovered with my tractor, which I think is the main ore lead instead of the vein the Sunset works is on. I have it proven in place for a good one-half or three-quarter mile by tractor.

This property lays in a southerly direction from the old Raymart-Wood Pecker and Ajax mines, a very highly mineralized area. The Gilbert property, my half-brother's, was set on a 7 to 11 oz. gold vein is still in place and not much work on it. There are also lead and silver.

From the old shipping records on the Sunset I saw at the Magma office, the gold carried that property.

If interested in this property, I would appreciate your contacting me.

Yours very truly,

Woodie J. Nichols
Woodie J. Nichols

Mr. Addison N. Clark
Consulting Mining Engr.,
1440 Broadway,
Oakland, California.

LAGMA COPPER COMPANY

MINE ASSAY CERTIFICATE

FOR SUNSET MINE

DATE June 23, 1944

No.	LOCATION	Cu. %	Ag. Oz.	Au. Oz.	Pb %	Zinc %	% Moisture	REMARKS
1-S	Johnson Sh/Stanley V.	2.41	0.80	0.08	(Grab/Red Oxide Ore)			\$11.56/Ton
2-S	" " " "	2.21	0.40	0.20	(" /Black ")			\$14.80/Ton
3-S	" Tun.250'NW/Sh.	1.33	0.50	0.50	(Red.Ox/some sulph.)			\$22.37/Ton
4-S	" " " " "	5.75	0.80	0.16	(Hvy.blk.sul.& CO ₃)			\$25.72/Ton
5-S	S.V.Tun.350'SE Sh.	11.50	2.00	0.06	(" " " & Malach)			\$42.62/Ton
6-S	Cut,SS#8,Stan. Vein	3.79	0.20	0.02	(Grab/Sul.& Carbs)			\$13.72/Ton
SS-1	Sunset Vein/210'Levl	0.39	0.10	0.02	(X-Fissure N of Sh.)			\$ 1.76/Ton
SS-2	SS Vein/310'Lev.S.	20.75	3.00	0.02	(Covellite & Bl.Ox.)			\$73.38/Ton
SS-3	" " / " " "	3.74	0.80	0.02	(Same/across 2 feet)			\$14.00/Ton
SS-4G	X-Cut 310'Lev.370'NE	1.92	0.40	1.00	(Au.Vein,top shoot)			\$41.80/Ton
SS-5	310' Lev.S., Face	2.90	0.60	0.02	(Grab fr. skipload)			\$10.56/Ton
SS-6	" " " "	12.78	2.00	0.02	(1½' W. fr. H-W) . .			\$45.75/Ton
SS-7	" " " "	0.20	0.10	0.02	(2' below F-W Gouge)			\$ 0.70/Ton
SS-8L	Lead-Zinc V, S.S.#10	0.20	0.40	0.01	19.8	3.3		\$31.20/Ton

Sunset Mine Examination Samples: Cu @17¢ incl.
Prem.; Ag @71¢; Au @ \$35/ Pb @ 6½¢;
Zn.@ 8½¢

W. W. Simon.
ASSAYER

Ross & Zimley
Charges \$150

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Addison N. Plunk
CONSULTING MINING ENGINEER AND GEOLOGIST
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Feb. 9
1949

Mr. William O. Kay,
Vice President and General Manager,
Sunset Mining Company,
213 Minna Street, San Francisco 3, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kay:--

It is a matter of justifiable personal pride to me to learn that you have plans in hand to reactivate the Sunset Mine in Pinal County, Arizona, and to install more adequate machinery to sink its main (Sunset) shaft deeper and into the sulphide ore zone of the Sunset Vein. I say "personal pride" because in my 1944 report on your property I "pulled no punches" when I had surveyed it, surficially and underground, merely stating in it my technical findings and the inescapable conclusions I arrived at through close-up study of the property and adjacent and general regional geology.

Since you and your affiliates have done me the honor to name me as consulting engineer to your older or "pioneer" corporation, you can depend upon me to place and keep at your disposal all of the data and intimate knowledge on and of the property which I have, and to co-operate with you in every way I can in your refinancing program and the ensuing re-equipment needful to deeper sinking on the Sunset Vein and such lateral ore-development as shall be deemed advisable during and after the shaft-deepening.

As to vein-exploration beyond the deepened shaft, as well as to the northwest and southeast of it in that vein: As I have told you, this winter I have been working out details, costs, etc., for a diamond drilling exploration program for the Giant Jumbo lead-silver-copper-gold property nine miles west of Battle Mountain, Nevada---working "in closed circuit" with Mr. Stanley F. O'Leary, President of the Giant Jumbo Mining Corporation, who himself is an experienced mining engineer (Stanford University School of Mines '13). Details of that program, tied in as a supplement or "codicil" to the last report made by any engineer or geologist on the property (my own of 1938) show somewhat strikingly the saving over sinking and drifting which can and will be effected in that vein-exploration soon as weather conditions in Nevada permit our taking one of several bidding contractors to the property and "setting the green light".

My file copy of that report and the 1948 revisions and recommendations are, with Mr. O'Leary's sanction, at your disposal for study. I think that a perusal will give you some ideas as to considerable potential savings in exploration of the Sunset Vein.

However: The Sunset Vein is only the smaller of two true fissure veins within the Sunset Mining Company property, and only about 700 feet from the Sunset Vein to the southwest, paralleling it, is the true-fissure Arizona Mining Company Group vein, which from surface comparisons appears to be as large as the Sunset Vein and Stanley Vein combined.

It is entirely practicable to explore both the Sunset Vein and its northeast and southwest paralleling neighbor fissure veins from a single drilling machine set-up at the bottom of the Sunset Shaft. And that means from either its present bottom, at 610 feet (incline-depth) or a sump say 300 feet deeper than as of now. Such a downward-ahead drill-test, with two-way "drift" drillholes, in the Sunset Vein, together with one or more drillholes from that set-up laterally into both the Stanley and the Arizona Mining veins (i.e., "crosscutting" holes) undoubtedly will disclose, at the respective vein-depths, vital and interesting knowledge. Knowledge, moreover, which can and probably will save thousands of dollars of operating capital.

In my estimate for the Giant Jumbo drilling program I am figuring, as you will note, on several holes that may exceed 1,000 feet in length. Test-holes at the Sunset will not have to be that long.

Bear in mind, too, the fact that a horizontal "crosscut hole" from the present (610-foot) bottom level of the Sunset Shaft would tap the Stanley Vein at an (inclined) depth of at least 800 feet; and, on the other side, tap the large Arizona Mining Group vein at an incline-depth in excess of a thousand feet down from the immense outcrop on the peak southwest of the collar of your Sunset Shaft.

For the reasons inherent in the foregoing, I definitely recommend that we include some diamond-drill exploration (and contractual, too---under our own engineering direction---and not Government-bossed Bureau of Mines drilling, at the time and pleasure of the USBM field men) in our Sunset program.

From perusal of my Giant Jumbo report-supplements you will see that the overall total of my cost estimate is \$50,000. That covers an estimated total of 5,000 feet (a mile) of drill-hole. Furthermore, the "breakdown" includes \$5,000 for rehabilitation of shaft and roads that we will not have to include in Sunset estimates. Also, that \$15,000 item can be pared down somewhat in the Sunset case. However, since underground drilling is powered by compressed air, an absolutely-dependable compressor is a MUST for Sunset. Ditto for a mine-ventilation blower and engine. And while that old 15-HP Fairbanks-Morse gas-powered hoist might get by in a pinch, I frankly do not recommend that.

I do recommend that you inaugurate steps, as expeditiously as you can, for enlistment of a minimum of \$50,000 operating capital to commence exploration and commercial development of the

Sunset Vein itself, and to initiate supplementary diamond drilling exploration of that vein and both of the larger veins. It would be "better business" to set \$75,000 as the financing objective, with the added \$25,000 as a sensible contingency margin. O'Leary, incidentally, in his own Giant Jumbo financing plans is doing precisely that; and incidentally too, while it is not itemized, you will see my own compensation for engineering supervision in the bottom item of that "breakdown" on page 21-A of my report.

The Sunset property, and the co-controlled adjoining Arizona Mining Co. group, definitely warrant expenditure of the amount of capital named above. The Sunset Mining Company's property, exclusive of the sidelining Arizona Mining Company ground and its large fissure vein, alone well warrants that much capital expenditure. With the Sunset Shaft itself already 300 feet below the "permanent water-table", all-sulphide mineralization can be expected within moderate added sinking depth. As a matter of simple fact, that shaft is virtually within the sulphide zone now; and while I have not personally been below the 310-foot level in the shaft, at that depth you already were disclosing copper values in such forms as bornite and covellite. I found also spots of chalcocite at that depth, and evidence at one spot of cuprite and tetrahedrite. All rich copper ores. And they did not get there from above.

The Sunset has one thing in common with the famous Magma Mine---in the Sunset Vein there have been associated gold values of a magnitude to warrant belief that recovered byproduct gold will go far towards footing the bills for recovery of commercial copper values. And the gold values disclosed in the Stanley Vein 350 feet northeast of the Sunset Shaft, in that crosscut, warrant that belief for that vein as well. It probably will hold good also for the large Arizona Mining Group vein.

Recent sharp rises in the market prices of base metals are definitely a favorable factor for Sunset. Demands of Industry plus war-preparedness stockpiling make this a very favorable time to make a definite start towards getting Sunset into commercial production. And as to its paying worth-while financial returns to those who elect to "sit in" with you by co-investment, there is no doubt in my mind whatever---given adequate refinancing on the lines suggested, conservative business management, and sound engineering direction of operations.

You and your associates may count upon me to co-operate with you to the fullest in your getting such a program financed and under way. I said five years ago, and I repeat now, that the Sunset can be developed into a major Arizona producing mine. With your dead wood cleared, and an operating treasury set up, you will be definitely on your way to such a status.

Sincerely,

Addison M. Clark

ANC/mm

THOMSEN LABORATORIES
425 Potrero Avenue
San Francisco 10, California

Hemlock 1086

January 25, 1947

Mr. Joe Balocchi
East Bay Glass Company
621-6th Street
Oakland, California

My dear Joe:

Pursuant to your request for a written statement covering my various trips to your Pinal County property and my opinion as to its merits I am embodying such matters in what is actually a synopsis of what has already been conveyed to you by word of mouth.

The property embraces a block of ground approximately a mile in length with a width of about half as much. It is situated in the western foothills of the Pinal Mountains, and occupies approximately the center of a small area of Pinal Schist some three miles in diameter from which the covering rocks have been removed by erosion. This small area has been subjected to a very thorough scrutiny and it is in every way similar to the nearby copper mines, though necessarily the actual type of ore deposit presents its own characteristics and is quite diverse from that of either Miami, Ray, or its nearest neighbor, Magua.

The genesis of the ore deposits is quite simple. The bedding planes of the Shist constituted lines of weakness in the strata and in the volcanic disturbances to which the entire terrain has been subjected such lines of weakness became the seat of extensive movement with consequent shattering of the rock and the formation of extensive zones of brecciation. Such shattered rock was then infiltrated by the ore bearing magmas with consequent deposition of copper-lead zinc minerals accompanied at times by considerable quartz and at times virtually without such silicification. It follows that these zones, properly called "veins" conform in strike and dip with the Pinal Schist. Where by caprice of nature much quartz accompanied said mineralization the resultant veins crop boldly and form the only really distinctive feature of the landscape. Where said quartz is sparingly present the veins do not crop but instead are represented by intensely leached and altered vein matter from which the copper has all but vanished. Contrariwise, the quartz croppings often show in addition to the customary oxidized copper minerals vestigial remnants of primary sulphides of copper, lead and zinc, accidentally preserved by an impervious envelope of silica. At this point it may be well to reiterate a statement which I have frequently made to you to the effect that when there is evidence of the former presence of copper in an outcrop the complete removal of said copper is one of the best "indications" of good ore in the zone of secondary enrichment. Such removal of copper is everywhere in evidence in the present surface exposures of the veins in this area.

I wish to point out the salient distinctions between the nearby mines and your property. The Magua type is a mineralization of the country rock itself resulting in a replacement of the original rock by a mineralized material. The Miami type is a replacement of the country rock by a mineralized material. The Ray type is a replacement of the country rock by a mineralized material.

supplementary vein. These veins are roughly vertical and cut the bedding planes of the Schist, while yours conform to said bedding planes.

The presence of lead and zinc minerals in the outcrops of your veins suggest, as in the case of Magma, that we are considering the top rather than the bottom phase or ore deposition, and this observation together with the great horizontal extent of the veins augur that exploration will reveal large and permanent bodies of ore. Again, unlike Magma, you are confronted with the presence of a great many veins, at least eight having been found so far. I confidently predict that many more of the same type will be encountered for, as already stated, the surface exposure is determined by the caprice of quartz deposition, not by mineralization in general.

Another distinction between these large copper producers and your own property is the relatively large gold content everywhere encountered. It is rather phenomenal that in the shipments from the ore pocket, accidentally preserved for you above the 310 level, the economic value of the gold is roughly on a par with the copper content. A high silver value, such as gave the original name of "Silver Queen" to Magma, was the result of secondary enrichment and accidental preservation of pockets of said secondary zone in what had become a leached and impoverished zone. In your case we are dealing with residual gold forming a part of the primary deposition of ore. In only one place have I seen any sign of secondary enrichment, namely in a small pocket of our copper glance extracted from the Stanley Vein just below the 310 level.

If I seem to speak with some degree of familiarity about the large nearby copper mines in making such comparisons, please bear in mind that I was part of such early Arizona development and 'now the surface of said properties as they were before extensive development. I traversed Ray while in the initial diamond drilling stage and before and an associate of mine actually held a contract on the "Silver Queen" which is now Magma. In view of such familiarity I cannot help but say that in spite of the very small amount of development on your property you have every right to believe that you have the makings of a major Arizona Copper mine, and that is high praise indeed. I also believe that gold will form a more important part of the value in said ore than in any of the present Arizona producers of magnitude. To use a much abused word, I believe that your surface "indications" are as good, if not better, than was the case in any of the nearby copper mines.

Thus reading the history of ore deposition from the original stage through leaching and secondary enrichment I am confident that the secondary zone at or near water level will not fail to produce ores of economic value. What the primary ores will show is more dubious, but Arizona has yet to produce a single exception to the rule that such "indications" as you have mean pay ore at water level.

Below such water level I believe that you will encounter a complex of copper-lead-zinc with supplementary values in silver and above all, in gold. At still greater depth you will probably experience a gradual elimination of silver, lead and finally zinc with the orebodies taking on a simpler character and with values chiefly in gold and copper. It is not saying too much to state that the phenomenon of secondary enrichment has been the dominant factor in preparing ALL of Arizona's copper mines for man's exploitation even though extensive work in the primary zone has also disclosed primary orebodies of workable grade.

All this leads to the question: "Where may we expect this secondary zone?" To put it otherwise, how deep is "water level?" To this I must answer that no man can tell, it is only ascertainable by work. When we stood at the Sunset shaft on our first visit together, I said: "It may be found very soon, or it may be down a thousand feet, or it may be deeper." On the accompanying maps that give a profile

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through the Sunset shaft you will see that you are even now but 300 ft. vertical below the deepest point laid bare by nature's erosion. That is not very much.

Of course the cheapest way, and the fastest, to determine the depth of this sulphide zone is by the use of the diamond drill. On the other hand it is not too promising as a means of showing up ore, that is, unless it be used in a very extended and expensive campaign. The testimony of a few cores can give a black eye to any property or can make the owner oversanguine. Orebodies are extremely irregular both as to size and value when taken by the foot and a core is a poor sampling tool compared to drift or raise. Therefore, if you elect to use the drill I would say to use it only to determine the depth to which you must go to intersect one of your veins in the sulphide zone. After that it is time to sink your shaft to that pre-determined depth and go after your ore in orthodox fashion. If you elect to do this, I further recommend that you purchase a drill, a matter of but some \$2,000.00, and do your own drilling. By contract, you are not able to vary your campaign as may be indicated by the drill from day to day. I also suggest that you spend some \$500.00 for an assay outfit so that one of your own men can follow the "sludge" daily and report directly, thus eliminating the publicity attendant upon commercial work as well as the liability of carelessness and delay. In this manner you can do drilling at perhaps as low as \$2.00 per foot or even less.

However, the cost of this work is really money lost. There is no substitute for the plan I gave you on our initial visit, namely, to sink deeper where you are. In doing this, every dollar expended is permanently well invested towards the ultimate goal of taking out pay ore. In doing such work there is nothing more important than to provide proper equipment. Your past high costs are due principally to the fact that your machinery is either inadequate as to size or else worn out. Portable equipment is very handy at the start but there is no substitute for heavy duty machinery when there is a job of any length ahead.

I would avoid all electrification. That is too expensive. Instead I would install an over-size Diesel driven compressor, and put your hoist on air. Any good steam hoist can then be installed and will function very well for both raising and lowering men on power. That the electric hoist does not do, and I am a crank on underground safety. I priced a "government surplus" hoist, brand new, and good for 2500 ft. for \$1,000.00. A compressor with a capacity of 650 ft. of air per min. at \$1,500.00. These prices are f. o. b. San Francisco. Hoist and Diesel are not new but in excellent shape. These are your principal items.

✓ With such equipment you can go to water level, and the ore will be there waiting for you, for be assured nature took care of that a long, long time ago. It is the long way to look at things, but it is the only right way. The drill will give you some facts and perhaps encouragement. This latter way will get you to your ore in shape to begin taking it out. It is the only way I personally have ever used.

If there is any additional information I may possess, be assured that it is always at your disposal.

Sincerely

Alfred M. Thomsen

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Department of Mineral Resources
304 Home Builders Building
Phoenix, Arizona.

ATTN. Mr. Chas. H. Dunning;

Replying to yours of the 7th inst (delayed account absence from the office), in the matter of an extension of a premium price plan for metals.

Should this "extension" be given the mine operators it would facilitate the mining of MORE so called "low Grade" Copper-lead-zinc ores, of which the SUNSET undoubtedly has quite an abundance, and the same goes for MANY other mines throughout the United States.

The copy you mailed us (and appearing in the November PAY DIRT) is well written and explains the situation very thoroughly (and truthfully).

As to the SUNSET mine, had we been in a position to receive this guarantee of the "premium" we would have shipped considerable ore this year to the Smelter at Hayden.

As it is we have been doing considerable development, have sunk our Sunset shaft an additional 300 feet (now down 600 feet), with drifts on the 400 and 500 feet levels.

It is our intention to start a diamond drilling campaign next month to try to contact the Sulphide zone.

Best regards to you, Mr. Dunning, and here is wishing you GREAT success in your endeavors in this line, I will be at the Sunset mine soon after the first of next month, SO, please bear in mind that should you have occasion to get up that way we will see to it there will be a good dinner awaiting you,

Sincerely yours

W. O. Kay

W.O. Kay

NAME OF MINE: SUNSET

COUNTY: PINAL

DISTRICT:

METALS: CU Ag, Au

OPERATOR AND ADDRESS:

MINE STATUS

DATE:

5/1/44

W.O. Kay, Florence

Box 265, Superior

DATE:

5/1/44

Developing

1. Sunset Mine
2. Pinal County, Arizona
3. C. E. Inskip
4. W. R. Jones
5. Examined December 22, 1948
6. Low grade copper-gold ore
7. "It is my opinion that there is nothing exposed at this time to justify the expenditure of a necessarily large amount of money in proving up what will undoubtedly be a small tonnage of low grade ore."
8. _____

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NAME OF COMPANY SUNSET COPPER COMPANY

NAME OF MINE SUNSET

- (1) Production - January 1st to June 30, 1946, inclusive.

Producers shipping ore direct to smelters or to custom mills use Column No. 1;
producers operating their own mill use Column No. 2.

COLUMN NO. 1				COLUMN NO. 2			
Tons	% Cu	% Pb	% Zn	Tons	% Cu	% Pb	% Zn
Crude Ore				Copper Conc.			
Only development work				Lead Conc.			
				Zinc Conc.			

- (2) Average Price Received for Metals in Above Production

This to be the total of the ceiling price plus premiums.

Copper	¢/lb. Conn. Valley as base
Lead	¢/lb. N.Y. as base
Zinc	¢/lb. East St. Louis as base

- (3) What do you estimate your production would have been, January 1st to June 30, 1946, if the metal price had been: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Cu 14 3/8¢/lb. Conn. Valley; Lead 8.25¢/lb. N.Y.; Zinc 8.25¢/lb East St. Louis (with no premiums)

COLUMN NO. 1		COLUMN NO. 2	
Crude Ore	Tons	Copper Conc.	Tons
		Lead Conc.	Tons
		Zinc Conc.	Tons

- (4) What do you estimate your production would have been, January 1st to June 30, 1946, if the metal prices had been: 500 tons (or more)

Cu 16¢/lb. Conn. Valley; Lead 11¢/lb. N.Y.; Zinc 9.50¢/lb. East St. Louis (with no premiums)

COLUMN NO. 1		COLUMN NO. 2	
Crude Ore	Tons	Copper Conc.	Tons
		Lead Conc.	Tons
		Zinc Conc.	Tons

- (5) If a metal Conservation Price Plan, similar to the present Premium Price Plan, were made permanent for at least five years,

(a) What would your yearly production of ore or concentrates be:
(b) Would such a plan cause you to expand your exploration- YES
development program? If so, how much? at least double
(c) What effect would such a plan have in increasing your ore reserves?
(d) In view of low tariffs, how would such a plan promote a healthy
mining industry? making it possible to make at small profit
on our proven tonnage of low grade ore

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Gilbert Claims (Nichols)

Date 1-30-63

District Mineral Hill District, Pinal County

Engineer Lewis A. Smith

Subject: Interview with Woody Nichols in Globe.

Mr. Nichols is preparing to do assessment and other development work on his Gilbert Claims south and east of the Ajax. He plans to do some development work on a vein containing copper oxides in the outcrop. The principal mineral is chrysocolla. The property also has veins showing lead-silver and one that shows fair gold. The veins are in schist cut by porphyry dikes which look like andesite. The veins generally strike NW-SE at small angles. Mr. Nichols says there is a belt, with the Reymert at the north and his at the south, in which the mineralization is generally similar. This includes the Reymert, Apache, Woodpecker, Ajax, Tom Boy, Sunset, and Nichols from north to south. The belt to the east of this includes the Talley-Wall, Silver Belle, Martinez and others. Nichols thinks the east belt may have been faulted from the south end of the west belt. (This would involve a tremendous horizontal component.) Nichols has a tentative arrangement with Waughtel to mill his lead-silver ore, if the new mill proves successful.

File W. Kay

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

REPORT TO OPA ON ACTIVE MINING PROJECT

Date January 20-1945
 Name of Mine Sunset Mining Company
 Owner or Operator W.O. Kay
 Address Box 265- Superior, Arizona.
 Mine Location Mineral Hills-Pinal County- Arizona.

Filing Information

File System.....
 File No.....
 This chart to be used for gallons of gasoline required per month.

PRESENT OPERATIONS: (check X)

Production X; Development X; Financing.....; Sale of mine.....;

Experimental (sampling).....; Owner's occasional trip.....;

Other (specify) Developping and shipping copper ore

PRODUCTION: Past and Future.

Tons

Approx. tons last 3 months

200 tons ore- MUCH waste

Approx. present rate per 3 months

We think more than 300 tons ore

Anticipated rate next 3 months

Hope many time more than above

If in distant future check (X) here

EQUIPMENT OPERATED:

Type	Quantity or Horse Power	Miles or Hours Per Month	Gallons Required Per Month
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Light or Service Trucks	Ford	"	"
Ore Hauling Trucks	We contract from others to haul our ore		
Compressors	Ingersoll-Rand and Sullivan		
Other Mine or Mill Eqpt.	Hoist and Blower		

PRODUCT PRODUCED OR CONTEMPLATED: Name metals or minerals.

Copper with some Gold and Silver

REMARKS:

We expect to contine ^u ACTIVE development, in two

places we have good ore and expect same in a third operation within the next few weeks, or less.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

By

Mr. Sawyer
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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

REPORT TO OPA ON ACTIVE MINING PROJECT

Date Nov 14 - 1944

Name of Mine Sunset

Owner or Operator Sunset Mining Co. - W. D. Raymer

Address P. O. Box 265 - Superior - Ariz.

Mine Location _____

Filing Information

File System _____

File No. _____

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PRESENT OPERATIONS: (check X)

Production _____; Development ☒; Financing _____; Sale of mine _____;

Experimental (sampling) _____; Owner's occasional trip _____;

Other (specify) _____

PRODUCTION: Past and Future.

Tons

Approx. tons last 3 months _____

Approx. present rate per 3 months _____

Anticipated rate next 3 months _____

If in distant future check (X) here _____

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Ore Hauling Trucks	_____	_____	_____
Compressors	_____	_____	_____
Other Mine or Mill Eqpt.	_____	_____	_____

PRODUCT PRODUCED OR CONTEMPLATED: Name metals or minerals.

Copper - Silver - gold

REMARKS:

This property has been on a development program for the past year.
Recommend the applicant - be allowed 530 gals per mo.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

By A. C. Nebeker

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

REPORT TO OPA ON ACTIVE MINING PROJECT

Date W O K 12/9/44
 Name of Mine Sunset
 Owner or Operator W O Kay
 Address Box 265 Superior Ariz
 Mine Location ~~15 mi~~ 21 miles out of Superior

Filing Information

File System.....
 File No.....
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PRESENT OPERATIONS: (check X)

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 Other (specify).....

PRODUCTION: Past and Future.

Tons

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 Anticipated rate next 3 months.....
 If in distant future check (X) here.....

EQUIPMENT OPERATED:

Type	Quantity or Horse Power	Miles or Hours Per Month	Gallons Required Per Month
Personal Cars	<u>1</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>60</u>
Light or Service Trucks
Ore Hauling Trucks
Compressors
Other Mine or Mill Eqpt.

PRODUCT PRODUCED OR CONTEMPLATED: Name metals or minerals.

Copper

REMARKS:

This mine is an active development and tentative producer but requires frequent trip to Superior and to Phoenix.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

By Chas H Dunning

Bv

STATUS OF DORMANT MINES

MINE NAME: SUNSET MINE

LOCATION: MINERAL HILLS DISTRICT, PINAL COUNTY-ARIZONA

OWNER AND/OR LEASEE: SUNSET MINING COMPANY

ADDRESS: 213 Minna Street-San Francisco 3, California

APPROXIMATE PRODUCTION (Year of 1945):

COPPER NONE Lbs. LEAD NONE Lbs.
ZINC NONE Lbs. (OTHER) NONE

CHECK THE CHIEF CAUSE OF YOUR DISCONTINUED PRODUCTION: INSUFFICIENT FINANCES

- (A) Easily available ore worked out. NO
- (B) Increased costs, but have quantity similar to past grade of ore. YES
- (C) Too close a margin to develop more ore. NO
- (D) We shipped approximately \$46,000.00 Ore GROSS to American Smelting & Refining Co, Plant- Hayden, Arizona (Including 5 cars to Magma Smelter) from 1939 to 1943

If you have ore ready to mine please give your estimate of the amount of metal (name each metal) that you could produce in one year (after allowing 60 days to get started) if there were premiums above present market prices. Name amount with a low premium, and amount at a high premium; such as:

Copper at $22\frac{1}{2}\phi$ plus 5¢ premium..... 1,000,000 Lbs.
Copper at $22\frac{1}{2}\phi$ plus 10¢ premium..... 1,500,000 Lbs.

Am satisfied could ship MORE than 1,000,000 Copper within a year at present price ($24\frac{1}{2}$ cts) plus 5 cts lb premium-and DOUBLE if premium 10 cts lb.

If you do not have ore ready to mine please discuss the following:

- (A) Do you think a reasonable development program would produce a justified tonnage of commercial ore at above mine?

YES- Most CERTAINLY-

- (B) With a premium price (guaranteed for one year) could you carry out such a development program yourself? What premium?

If had a 10 cts lb premium guaranteed for ONE year am satisfied we could arrange to start operations at once, (probably within not more than 60 days from now) would install a larger compressor and Hoist and take less than 60 days to unwater the shaft

- (C) If you could not do this yourself, would a quick drilling program by some government agency (at government expense) be sufficient?

YES-

Would HIGHLY recommend Diamond Drill from bottom off our present 610 Sunset Shaft- ALSO continue develop from faces of our FOUR Levels.

- (D) Or would you prefer a loan plan similar to the arrangements during World War II?

The loan "Plan" might bring QUICKER results, although personally would prefer the BONUS plan and we try to secure the necessary finances, we are open to ANY suggestion along this line, we KNOW we have the ORE and want to get busy QUICK.

How about a combination plan in two stages such as follows?

Stage 1: Government engineers review project and, if a little drilling appears to be justified and a preliminary key to the situation, such drilling program to be agreed upon by owner and government engineer, paid for by the government, but let by contract. That's a GOOD idea,

Stage 2: If results of drilling (or without drilling) justify underground development and/or production equipment, same to be obtainable via a mortgage loan on property. THAT would be O.K.

Please discuss the above: As the majority stockholder I really

would like to have the Government come in with us on a loan basis

BECAUSE am satisfied we would produce the ore in LARGE quantities

and pay off the mortgage in a VERY reasonable time .Private

capital is "Cautious" and VERY "Delaying" I SHOULD know from

my past THREE years experience trying to get "Capital"

IF the Government REALLY wants COPPER and LEAD, they MOST certainly

can GET it out of the SUNSET MINE and VERY economically - FIRST ,
SUGGESTIONS: Many Mining Engineers state we HAVE the ore-SECOND, needs
practically NO Timbering, THIRD ,Close to Smelters, FOURTH, Miners
AVAILABLE as living conditions BETTER than at ordinary mines.

We will cooperate in EVERY manner possible. We NOW have Jack-

Hammers-Stoppers, Pumps, Rails- Cars, Pipe- good Mess Hall-

Shower Room and sufficient "Bunk Houses" What we need is a

larger Compressor, say a 315 cu,ft, or 500 cu,ft. and a larger Hoist.

DATE September 5-1950

SIGNATURE

W. O. Kay

Manager

SUNSET MINE

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
News Items

Date March 13, 1940.

Mine Mc Auliffe Group.

Location 16 Mi. NE of Florence

Owner A.H. Brunenkant

Address Florence, Arizona.

Under option to

Operating Co. Sunset Mining Co.

Address Florence, Arizona.

Pres.

Genl. Mgr. Stanley A. Wardle

Mine Supt.

Mill Supt.

Principal Metals Gold, copper, lead, silver

Men Employed ??

Production Rate Not producing

Mill, Type & Capacity

Power, Amt. & Type

Signed



(Over)

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
OWNERS MINE REPORT

Date January 11, 1940

Mine Thomas McAuliffe Group

District Mineral Hill Mining District

Location 17 mi. N E of Florence

Former name

Owner A. A. Brunenkaut

Address Box 162, Florence

Operator

Address

President

Gen. Mgr.

Mine Supt.

Mill Supt.

Principal Metals Silver, lead, gold, copper

Men Employed

Production Rate

Mill: Type & Cap.

Power: Amt. & Type

Operations: Present Property inactive at present.

Operations Planned Further development.

Number Claims, Title, etc. 9 unpatented claims.

Description: Topog. & Geog. Rather steep but not very high hills and washes. Vegetation sparse.

Mine Workings: Amt. & Condition 1 - Inclined shaft - approx. 300' deep - water stands 60'
1 - " " " 20' " (from collar.
1 - Winze " 45' "
Approximately 600' of tunnel
Various stopes & shallow surface cuts
All workings open except deep shaft.

(over)

Geology & Mineralization Schist is the predominating country rock. The veins are formed along shear zones in the schist. Width of veins is from 5 to 20 feet. Values are in lead, silver, gold and copper.

Ore: Positive & Probable, Ore Dumps, Tailings Tonnage is undoubtedly large, although not blocked out.

Mine, Mill Equipment & Flow Sheet No equipment.

Road Conditions, Route Road to property good except in rainy season. Inquire from owner for directions.

Water Supply Domestic supply available. No attempt has been made to develop any additional supply.

Brief History Property located about 45 years ago. Ore has been shipped, but records of shipments were destroyed by fire.

Special Problems, Reports Filed

Remarks

If property for sale: Price, terms and address to negotiate. For sale. See owner for terms.

Signed.....Alva A. Brumenkaut.....

Use additional sheets if necessary.

MT 325
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Sunset Mining Company

INCORPORATED

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~Florence Junction, Arizona~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

213 Minna Street-San Francisco 3, California- September 4-1950

Mr. Chas. H. Dunning
Department of Mineral Resources
Mineral Building, Fairgrounds,
PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

Dear Mr. Dunning;

Herein it is more than a MONTH- since your letter "To Operators of Formerly Productive Small Mines" and dated July 29, 1950 was received at my office. I have been out of the City for about six weeks and JUST to-day came across your letter. I have been trying for the past THREE years to interest capital in the SUNSET MINE- this last trip was also for THAT purpose- have had all sorts of promises etc, in fact one party- states he will go to the property last of this month to "look it over" and he has "\$60,000.00 Backing", BUT I have had several concerns and individuals tell me they were interested and would "SOON" come in with us, and HERE, you have HIT the nail on the head, so to speak, that is, IF your Department can persuade the POWERS THAT BE to SINCERELY investigate the SUNSET MINE, located in the Mineral Hills District, Pinal County, Arizona, I am confident we can show them we HAVE JUST the Property that justifies their financial aid.

Since you and Mr. McFarland visited the SUNSET MINE, I think it was the Fall of 1944, we have completed our cross cut off the 310 Level ALSO continued our SUNSET Shaft an additional 300 feet, so that we are now down to a depth of 610 feet (on an ancline of approximately 40 Degrees).

370 We started operations at the mine early in 1939- and up to December 1940 had shipped about \$36,000.00 of ore to the American Smelting & Refining Company Plant at Hayden, Arizona. This was from the surface to the 210 Level. After we reached the 310 level the money "ran out"- Then I arrived at the property the afternoon of December 7-1941 (Pearl Harbor Day)- took several weeks to get the machinery "repaired" etc, but within ninety days (or sooner) I had unwatered the mine and from a stope from the 310 to 210 level I shipped about \$10,400.00 Ore to the Hayden Smelter. Then the "Usual" thing insufficient finance- however, we did finish the Cross Cut for a distance of 420 feet, and at a point about 270 feet in this cross cut we found a good vein of GOLD assaying 6.52 OUNCES, with a little Silver and Copper.

All we need NOW is a better Compressor (either 315 cu. ft or 500 cu. ft, Diesel operated), also a larger Hoist with sufficient power and Cable to go at least 1500 feet, and THEN sink our shaft to the SULPHIDE ZONE, this may be an additional 50 feet or 250 feet, we should Diamond Drill from the bottom of the 610 shaft to locate this SULPHIDE ZONE- I am SURE that with \$25,000.00 we can make a BIG Dividend Payer out of the Sunset Mine- better, of course, to have double that, viz \$50,000.00 and IF you can help us secure that money we will give any one furnishing same a ONE-THIRD Interest in the mine.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Sunset

Date February 20, 1963

District Mineral Hill Dist., Pinal Co.

Engineer LewisA. Smith

Subject: Brief mine visit and previous interview with Woody Nichols (Globe)

Location: Approximately Sections 1-2, T. 3 S., R. 11 E.

Access: 4 miles E of Florence Junction on Hwy. 60-70, thence 12 miles on a graded county road to the southeast. This county road continues on south to Price and Florence via Martinez Canyon. (It is 2 miles south of the Ajax and Woodpecker mines and is adjoined on the south by the Gilbert Group, also owned by Nichols.) The road was severely gutted by recent torrential rains.

Owner: Woody Nichols, Globe, Arizona.

Minerals: (1) lead-silver
(2) copper, gold and silver

Work: The main shaft is reported to be 200 feet deep but is partially filled by water at present. According to the caretaker who had worked in the mine, the mine had several hundred feet of lateral workings and some stopes.

Geology: From the meager outcrops the main vein traverses schists that are strongly iron stained near the outcrops. It strikes about NW-SE and is intermittently exposed under a strong gossan or "iron cap."

The dumps show some quartz, galena, anglesite, cerussite and calcite, and these dumps are extensive.

North of the 200 foot shaft, approximately 300 feet, there is an undeveloped vein that is somewhat transverse to the main vein. This vein is exposed on a sharp ridge in a few separated small outcrops and from these it was estimated that it trends NW but at a greater angle than the main vein. It appears where observed to be about 3-5 feet wide and contains chrysocolla, malachite and calcite with some quartz. Nichols reported that it runs up to 22 per cent copper, but would average much less. He plans to open it up before long.

It is planned to visit this area later when the roads are more accessible.

Conference with Woodrow Nichols, owner, 11/9/66 - Mine Visit afterward.

Nichols reported further bulldozer work north of the old Sunset workings and the making of a road to the ridge crest. At the top a bulldozer cut exposed oxidized copper in a vein that is transverse to the main Sunset vein. The exposed part of this vein appears to be about 4 feet wide. Nichols plans more work before the winter is over. The cut is up to 6 feet deep now, whereas in February it was shallower.

MEMO LAS 11/9/66

Kaul:

F. Gilmour

Have no idea what
area he is talking about.
Perhaps an inquiry to him
would clear it up.

(BTK)

P. O. Box 1074
Dominion Hotel
Globe, Arizona
March 4, 1964

Shattock Den Mining Corporation
Humbolt
Arizona

ATTENTION: Mr. D. M. Kentro

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to mining property I have in the Mineral Hills Mining District. I have one of the old mining holds in that area. It lays west of the Silverbelt Martinez mine. The property is unpatented mining claims dating back behind the first World War, set by two of my brothers and one half-brother. The property covers the Old Sunset Mine the McKalouff and Gilbert property. I have around 35 claims I am in on.

The Old Sunset working at the present time. I have 15 or 18 tons of good Malacite and Pyrite ore stacked up off of the big ore vein, I have uncovered with my tractor, which I think is the main ore lead instead of the vein the Sunset works is on. I have it proven in place for a good one-half or three-quarter mile by tractor.

This property lays in a southerly direction from the old Raymart-Wood Pecker and Ajax mines, a very highly mineralized area. The Gilbert property, my half-brother's, was set on a 7 to 11 oz. gold vein is still in place and not much work on it. There are also lead and silver.

From the old shipping records on the Sunset I saw at the Magma office, the gold carried that property.

If interested in this property, I would appreciate your contacting me.

Yours very truly,

Woodie J. Nichols
Woodie J. Nichols

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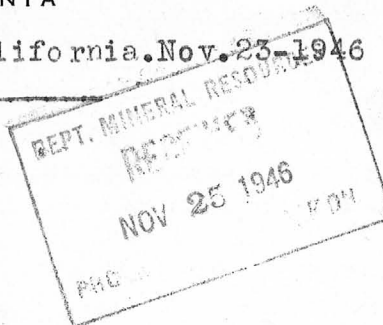
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1104 Bryant Street-San Francisco 3, California. Nov. 23-1946

Department of Mineral Resources
304 Home Builders Building
Phoenix, Arizona.

ATTN. Mr. Chas. H. Dunning;



Replying to yours of the 7th inst (delayed account absence from the office), in the matter of an extension of a premium price plan for metals.

Should this "extension" be given the mine operators it would facilitate the mining of MORE so called "low Grade" Copper-lead-zinc ores, of which the SUNSET undoubtedly has quite an abundance, and the same goes for MANY other mines throughout the United States.

The copy you mailed us (and appearing in the November PAY DIRT) is well written and explains the situation very thoroughly (and truthfully).

As to the SUNSET mine, had we been in a position to receive this guarantee of the "premium" we would have shipped considerable ore this year to the Smelter at Hayden.

As it is we have been doing considerable development, have sunk ~~of~~ Sunset shaft an additional 300 feet (now down 600 feet), with drifts on the 400 and 500 feet levels.

It is our intention to start a diamond drilling campaign next month to try to contact the Sulphide zone.

Best regards to you, Mr. Dunning, and here is wishing you GREAT success in your endeavors in this line, I will be at the Sunset mine soon after the first of next month, SO, please bear in mind that should you have occasion to get up that way we will see to it there will be a good dinner awaiting you,

Sincerely yours

W.O. Kay

NAME OF COMPANY SUNSET COPPER COMPANY

NAME OF MINE SUNSET

- (1) Production - January 1st to June 30, 1946, inclusive.

Producers shipping ore direct to smelters or to custom mills use Column No. 1;
producers operating their own mill use Column No. 2.

COLUMN NO. 1				COLUMN NO. 2			
Tons	% Cu	% Pb	% Zn	Tons	% Cu	% Pb	% Zn
Crude Ore				Copper Conc.			
Only development work				Lead Conc.			
				Zinc Conc.			

- (2) Average Price Received for Metals in Above Production

This to be the total of the ceiling price plus premiums.

Copper	¢/lb. Conn. Valley as base
Lead	¢/lb. N.Y. as base
Zinc	¢/lb. East St. Louis as base

- (3) What do you estimate your production would have been, January 1st to June 30, 1946, if the metal price had been: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Cu 14 3/8¢/lb. Conn. Valley; Lead 8.25¢/lb. N.Y.; Zinc 8.25¢/lb East
St. Louis (with no premiums)

COLUMN NO. 1		COLUMN NO. 2	
Crude Ore	Tons	Copper Conc.	Tons
		Lead Conc.	Tons
		Zinc Conc.	Tons

- (4) What do you estimate your production would have been, January 1st to June 30, 1946, if the metal prices had been: **500 tons (or more)**

Cu 16¢/lb. Conn. Valley; Lead 11¢/lb. N.Y.; Zinc 9.50¢/lb. East
St. Louis (with no premiums)

COLUMN NO. 1		COLUMN NO. 2	
Crude Ore	Tons	Copper Conc.	Tons
		Lead Conc.	Tons
		Zinc Conc.	Tons

- (5) If a metal Conservation Price Plan, similar to the present Premium Price Plan, were made permanent for at least five years,
- What would your yearly production of ore or concentrates be:
 - Would such a plan cause you to expand your exploration- **YES**
development program? If so, how much? **at least double**
 - What effect would such a plan have in increasing your ore reserves?
 - In view of low tariffs, how would such a plan promote a healthy
mining industry? **making it possible to make at small profit**
on our proven tonnage of low grade ore

File W.O. Kay

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

REPORT TO OPA ON
ACTIVE MINING PROJECT

Filing Information

File System.....

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Date..... January 20-1945

Name of Mine..... Sunset Mining Company

Owner or Operator..... W.O. Kay

Address..... Box 265- Superior, Arizona.

Mine Location..... Mineral Hills-Pinal County- Arizona.

PRESENT OPERATIONS: (check X)

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REMARKS:

We expect to contine ACTIVE development, in two places we have good ore and expect same in a third operation within the next few weeks, or less.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

By.....

See, I filed this not a summary! Anyways it will give you the information

White to Kay 1/22 Pink to McFarlane

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

REPORT TO OPA ON ACTIVE MINING PROJECT

Date 1/20/45
Name of Mine Sunset Mining Co
Owner or Operator W O Kay
Address Box 265 Superior Ariz
Mine Location Mineral Hills, Pinal County Ariz

Filing Information

File System.....

File No.....

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Other (specify).....

PRODUCTION: Past and Future.

Tons

Approx. tons last 3 months 200

Approx. present rate per 3 months 300

Anticipated rate next 3 months 300

If in distant future check (X) here

EQUIPMENT OPERATED:

Type	Quantity or Horse Power	Miles or Hours Per Month	Gallons Required Per Month
Personal Cars	<u>1</u>	.....	.....
Light or Service Trucks	<u>1</u>	.....	.....
Ore Hauling Trucks	.....	.....	.....
Compressors	<u>9R & Sullivan</u>	.....	<u>1600</u>
Other Mine or Mill Eqpt.	<u>Hoist & Blower</u>	.....	<u>non highway</u>

PRODUCT PRODUCED OR CONTEMPLATED: Name metals or minerals.

Copper

REMARKS:

Operation is a good producer and may increase copper production considerably

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

By

Chas H Dunning

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

REPORT TO OPA ON ACTIVE MINING PROJECT

Date WOK 12/9/44

Name of Mine Sunset

Owner or Operator W O Kay

Address Box 265 Superior Ariz

Mine Location ~~1/2 mi~~ 21 miles out of Superior

Filing Information

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

By

Chas H. Drumm

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

REPORT TO OPA ON ACTIVE MINING PROJECT

Date Nov 14 - 1944
 Name of Mine Sunset
 Owner or Operator Sunset Mining Co. W. D. Raymer
 Address P.O. Box 265 Superior Ariz
 Mine Location _____

Filing Information

File System _____

File No. _____

This chart to be used for gallons of gasoline required per month.

PRESENT OPERATIONS: (check X)

Production _____; Development ☒; Financing _____; Sale of mine _____;

Experimental (sampling) _____; Owner's occasional trip _____;

Other (specify) _____

PRODUCTION: Past and Future.

Tons

Approx. tons last 3 months _____

Approx. present rate per 3 months _____

Anticipated rate next 3 months _____

If in distant future check (X) here _____

EQUIPMENT OPERATED:

Type	Quantity or Horse Power	Miles or Hours Per Month	Gallons Required Per Month
Personal Cars	_____	_____	_____
Light or Service Trucks	_____	_____	_____
Ore Hauling Trucks	_____	_____	_____
Compressors	<u>I.R. 210</u> <u>Sull. 105</u>	<u>138</u> <u>60</u>	<u>300</u> <u>115</u>
Other Mine or Mill Eqpt.	<u>Hoist 15</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>115</u>

530

PRODUCT PRODUCED OR CONTEMPLATED: Name metals or minerals.

Copper - Silver - gold

REMARKS:

This property has been on a development
program for the past year.
Recommend the applicant be allowed
530 gals per month.

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By

A. C. Nebeker
Field Engineer

STATUS OF DORMANT MINES

MINE NAME: SUNSET MINE

LOCATION: MINERAL HILLS DISTRICT, PINAL COUNTY-ARIZONA.

OWNER AND/OR LEASEE: SUNSET MINING COMPANY

ADDRESS: 213 Minna Street-San Francisco 3, California.

APPROXIMATE PRODUCTION (Year of 1945):

COPPER NONE Lbs. LEAD NONE Lbs.

ZINC NONE Lbs. (OTHER) NONE

CHECK THE CHIEF CAUSE OF YOUR DISCONTINUED PRODUCTION: INSUFFICIENT FINANCES

- (A) Easily available ore worked out. NO
(B) Increased costs, but have quantity similar to past grade of ore. YES
(C) Too close a margin to develop more ore. NO
(D) We shipped approximately \$46,000.00 Ore GROSS to
American Smelting & Refining Co, Plant- Hayden, Arizona
(Including 5 cars to Magma Smelter) from 1939 to 1943

If you have ore ready to mine please give your estimate of the amount of metal (name each metal) that you could produce in one year (after allowing 60 days to get started) if there were premiums above present market prices. Name amount with a low premium, and amount at a high premium; such as:

Copper at $22\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ plus 5¢ premium..... 1,000,000 Lbs.
Copper at $22\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ plus 10¢ premium..... 1,500,000 Lbs.

Am satisfied could ship MORE than 1,000,000 Copper within a year
at present price ($24\frac{1}{2}$ cts) plus 5 cts lb premium-and DOUBLE if
premium 10 cts lb.

If you do not have ore ready to mine please discuss the following:

- (A) Do you think a reasonable development program would produce a justified tonnage of commercial ore at above mine?

YES- Most CERTAINLY-

- (B) With a premium price (guaranteed for one year) could you carry out such a development program yourself? What premium?

If had a 10 cts lb premium guaranteed for ONE year am
satisfied we could arrange to start operations at once
(probably within not more than 60 days from now) would install
a larger compressor and Hoist and take less than 60 days to
unwater the shaft

(C) If you could not do this yourself, would a quick drilling program by some government agency (at government expense) be sufficient?

YES-

Would HIGHLY recommend Diamond Drill from bottom of our present 610 Sunset Shaft- ALSO continue develop from faces of our FOUR Levels.

(D) Or would you prefer a loan plan similar to the arrangements during World War II?

The loan "Plan" might bring QUICKER results, although personally would prefer the BONUS plan and we try to secure the necessary finances, we are open to ANY suggestion along this line, we KNOW we have the ORE and want to get busy QUICK.

How about a combination plan in two stages such as follows?

Stage 1: Government engineers review project and, if a little drilling appears to be justified and a preliminary key to the situation, such drilling program to be agreed upon by owner and government engineer, paid for by the government, but let by contract. That's a GOOD idea,

Stage 2: If results of drilling (or without drilling) justify underground development and/or production equipment, same to be obtainable via a mortgage loan on property. THAT would be O.K.

Please discuss the above: As the majority stockholder I really
would like to have the Government come in with us on a loan basis
BECAUSE am satisfied we would produce the ore in LARGE quantities
and pay off the mortgage in a VERY reasonable time .Private
capital is "Cautious" and VERY "Delaying" I SHOULD know from
my past THREE years experience trying to get "Capital"
IF the Government REALLY wants COPPER and LEAD, they MOST certainly
can GET it out of the SUNSET MINE and VERY economically - FIRST ,
SUGGESTIONS: Many Mining Engineers state we HAVE the ore-SECOND, needs
practically NO Timbering, THIRD ,Close to Smelters, FOURTH, Miners
AVAILABLE as living conditions BETTER than at ordinary mines.

We will cooperate in EVERY manner possible. We NOW have Jack-
Hammers-Stoppers, Pumps, Rails- Cars, Pipe- good Mess Hall-
Shower Room and sufficient "Bunk Houses" What we need is a
larger Compressor, say a 315 cu.ft, or 500 cu.ft. and a larger Hoist.

DATE September 5-1950

SIGNATURE

W.O. Kay

Manager

SUNSET MINE

325
125
60
50
560
30

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
OWNERS MINE REPORT

Date January 11, 1940

Mine Thomas Mc Auliffe Group

District Mineral Hill Mining District

Location 17 Miles N.E. of Florence

Former name

Owner A.A. Brunenkant

Address Box 162, Florence

Operator

Address

President

Gen. Mgr.

Mine Supt.

Mill Supt.

Principal Metals Silver, lead, gold, copper

Men Employed

Production Rate

Mill: Type & Cap.

Power: Amt. & Type

Operations: Present

Property inactive at present

Operations Planned

Further development

Number Claims, Title, etc.

9 Unpatented claims

Description: Topog. & Geog.

Rather steep but not very high hills and washes.
Vegetation sparse.

Mine Workings: Amt. & Condition

1 - Inclined shaft - approx. 300' deep - water stands 60' from collar.
1 - " " " 20' "
1 - " " " 45' "
1 - Winze
Approximately 600' of Tunnel
Various (over) slopes + shallow surface cuts
All workings open except deep shaft.

Geology & Mineralization

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Ore: Positive & Probable, Ore Dumps, Tailings

Tonnage is undoubtedly large, although not blocked out.

Mine, Mill Equipment & Flow Sheet

No equipment

Road Conditions, Route

Road to property good except in rainy season. Inquire from owner for directions.

Water Supply

Domestic supply available. No attempt has been made to develop any additional supply.

Brief History

Property located about 45 years ago. Ore has been shipped, but records of shipments were destroyed by fire.

Special Problems, Reports Filed

Remarks

If property for sale: Price, terms and address to negotiate.

For sale - see owner for terms.

Signed

Mr. G. Bunker

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Signed Alva A. Brunenkaut

Use additional sheets if necessary.

OR give the United States Government a MORTGAGE on the property.

We have expended approximately \$185,000.00 up to the present time and Owe NOTHING. I own and control about 82% of the stock of the SUNSET MINING COMPANY, a California Corporation-qualified to do business in the State of Arizona, this consists of EIGHT claims. I also personally own the adjoining NINE Claims known as the Arizona Mining Company, and it is so desired will Mortgage the entire 17 claims to secure the \$50,000.00 AND the party or parties (Government or otherwise) furnishing this money can supervise its ENTIRE expenditure.

Am enclosing the following "An Assay sheet covering 14 samples taken by our Consulting Mining Engineer, dated June 23-1944, Mr. Addison N. Clark." ALSO TWO (2) letters from Mr. Clark, dated Feb. 9-1949 and Feb. 12-1949" ALSO a letter REPORT from Mr. Alfred M. Thomsen-our Geologist, dated January 25-1947 "

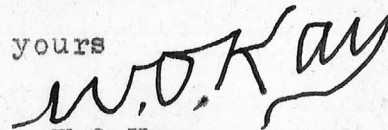
We have a DETAILED report from Mr. Clark dated July 20-1944 which we can mail you IF you think necessary. He is VERY Optimistic, contains such statements " The Sunset will DEFINITELY make a GREAT Dividend Paying Mine, comparable to the adjacent Magma Copper Mine, about Nine Air Miles Away" The writer found in the property MORE than he expected to find-- and he had been led to expect to find considerable".

I will greatly appreciate it IF you will return to me (when you are ENTIRELY through with them) the TWO enclosed letters from Mr. Clark dated Feb. 9th and Feb. 12th-1949.

I am also mailing under separate cover (in the stamped and addressed envelope you mailed) the 3 Sheets you sent- did this hurriedly, however, THIS letter should give you a reasonably clear idea as to this VERY promising Copper-Gold-Silver Property (with TWO GOOD Lead-Zinc Veins)

With very best personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours



W.O. Kay-

Manager

THOMSEN LABORATORIES
425 Potrero Avenue
San Francisco 10, California

HEmlock 1086

January 25, 1947

Mr. Joe Baiocchi
East Bay Glass Company
621-6th Street
Oakland, California

My dear Joe:

Pursuant to your request for a written statement covering my various trips to your Pinal County property and my opinion as to its merits I am embodying such matters in what is actually a synopsis of what has already been conveyed to you by word of mouth.

The property embraces a block of ground approximately a mile in length with a width of about half as much. It is situated in the western foothills of the Pinal Mountains, and occupies approximately the center of a small area of Pinal Schist some three miles in diameter from which the covering rocks have been removed by erosion. This small area has been subjected to a very thorough scrutiny and it is in every way similar to the nearby copper mines, though necessarily the actual type of ore deposit presents its own characteristics and is quite diverse from that of either Miami, Ray, or its nearest neighbor, Magma.

The genesis of the ore deposits is quite simple. The bedding planes of the Schist constituted lines of weakness in the strata and in the volcanic disturbances to which the entire terrain has been subjected such lines of weakness became the seat of extensive movement with consequent shattering of the rock and the formation of extensive zones of brecciation. Such shattered rock was then infiltrated by the ore bearing magmas with consequent deposition of copper-lead zinc minerals accompanied at times by considerable quartz and at times virtually without such silicification. It follows that these zones, properly called "veins" conform in strike and dip with the Pinal Schist. Where by caprice of nature much quartz accompanied said mineralization the resultant veins crop boldly and form the only really distinctive feature of the landscape. Where said quartz is sparingly present the veins do not crop but instead are represented by intensely leached and altered vein matter from which the copper has all but vanished. Contrariwise, the quartz croppings often show in addition to the customary oxidized copper minerals vestigial remnants of primary sulphides of copper, lead and zinc, accidentally preserved by an impervious envelope of silica. At this point it may be well to reiterate a statement which I have frequently made to you to the effect that when there is evidence of the former presence of copper in an outcrop the complete removal of said copper is one of the best "indications" of good ore in the zone of secondary enrichment. Such removal of copper is everywhere in evidence in the present surface exposures of the veins in this area.

I wish to point out the salient distinctions between the nearby mines and your property. The Ray-Miami type is a mineralization of the country rock itself resulting in orebodies of vast extent and rather low copper tenor. The Magma is a true vein type far deeper in extent than either Ray or Miami and of a much higher copper tenor. However, the mineralization is largely confined to a single

supplementary vein. These veins are roughly vertical and cut the bedding planes of the Schist, while yours conform to said bedding planes.

The presence of lead and zinc minerals in the outcrops of your veins suggest, as in the case of Magma, that we are considering the top rather than the bottom phase or ore deposition, and this observation together with the great horizontal extent of the veins augur that exploration will reveal large and permanent bodies of ore. Again, unlike Magma, you are confronted with the presence of a great many veins, at least eight having been found so far. I confidently predict that many more of the same type will be encountered for, as already stated, the surface exposure is determined by the caprice of quartz deposition, not by mineralization in general.

Another distinction between these large copper producers and your own property is the relatively large gold content everywhere encountered. It is rather phenomenal that in the shipments from the ore pocket, accidentally preserved for you above the 310 level, the economic value of the gold is roughly on a par with the copper content. A high silver value, such as gave the original name of "Silver Queen" to Magma, was the result of secondary enrichment and accidental preservation of pockets of said secondary zone in what had become a leached and impoverished zone. In your case we are dealing with residual gold forming a part of the primary deposition of ore. In only one place have I seen any sign of secondary enrichment, namely in a small pocket of pur copper glance extracted from the Stanley Vein just below the 310 level.

If I seem to speak with some degree of familiarity about the large nearby copper mines in making such comparisons, please bear in mind that I was part of such early Arizona development and know the surface of said properties as they were before extensive development. I traversed Ray while in the initial diamond drilling stage and before and an associate of mine actually held a contract on the "Silver Queen" which is now Magma. In view of such familiarity I cannot help but say that in spite of the very small amount of development on your property you have every right to believe that you have the makings of a major Arizona Copper mine, and that is high praise indeed. I also believe that gold will form a more important part of the value in said ore than in any of the present Arizona producers of magnitude. To use a much abused word, I believe that your surface "indications" are as good, if not better, than was the case in any of the nearby copper mines.

Thus reading the history of ore deposition from the original stage through leaching and secondary enrichment I am confident that the secondary zone at or near water level will not fail to produce ores of economic value. What the primary ores will show is more dubious, but Arizona has yet to produce a single exception to the rule that such "indications" as you have mean pay ore at water level.

Below such water level I believe that you will encounter a complex of copper-lead-zinc with supplementary values in silver and above all, in gold. At still greater depth you will probably experience a gradual elimination of silver, lead and finally zinc with the orebodies taking on a simpler character and with values chiefly in gold and copper. It is not saying too much to state that the phenomenon of secondary enrichment has been the dominant factor in preparing ALL of Arizona's copper mines for man's exploitation even though extensive work in the primary zone has also disclosed primary orebodies of workable grade.

All this leads to the question: "Where may we expect this secondary zone?" To put it otherwise, how deep is "water level?" To this I must answer that no man can tell, it is only ascertainable by work. When we stood at the Sunset shaft on our first visit together, I said: "It may be found very soon, or it may be down a thousand feet, or it may be deeper." On the accompanying maps that give a profile

through the Sunset shaft you will see that you are even now but 300 ft. vertical below the deepest point laid bare by nature's erosion. That is not very much.

Of course the cheapest way, and the fastest, to determine the depth of this sulphide zone is by the use of the diamond drill. On the other hand it is not too promising as a means of showing up ore, that is, unless it be used in a very extended and expensive campaign. The testimony of a few cores can give a black eye to any property or can make the owner oversanguine. Orebodies are extremely irregular both as to size and value when taken by the foot and a core is a poor sampling tool compared to drift or raise. Therefore, if you elect to use the drill I would say to use it only to determine the depth to which you must go to intersect one of your veins in the sulphide zone. After that it is time to sink your shaft to that pre-determined depth and go after your ore in orthodox fashion. If you elect to do this, I further recommend that you purchase a drill, a matter of but some \$2,000.00, and do your own drilling. By contract, you are not able to vary your campaign as may be indicated by the drill from day to day. I also suggest that you spend some \$500.00 for an assay outfit so that one of your own men can follow the "sludge" daily and report directly, thus eliminating the publicity attendant upon commercial work as well as the liability of carelessness and delay. In this manner you can do drilling at perhaps as low as \$2.00 per foot or even less.

However, the cost of this work is really money lost. There is no substitute for the plan I gave you on our initial visit, namely, to sink deeper where you are. In doing this, every dollar expended is permanently well invested towards the ultimate goal of taking out pay ore. In doing such work there is nothing more important than to provide proper equipment. Your past high costs are due principally to the fact that your machinery is either inadequate as to size or else worn out. Portable equipment is very handy at the start but there is no substitute for heavy duty machinery when there is a job of any length ahead.

I would avoid all electrification. That is too expensive. Instead I would install an over-size Diesel driven compressor, and put your hoist on air. Any good steam hoist can than be installed and will function very well for both raising and lowering men on power. That the electric hoist does not do, and I am a crank on underground safety. I priced a "government surplus" hoist, brand new, and good for 2500 ft. for \$1,000.00. A compressor with a capacity of 650 ft. of air per min. at \$1,500.00. These prices are f. o. b. San Francisco. Hoist and Diesel are not new but in excellent shape. These are your principal items.

✓ With such equipment you can go to water lever, and the ore will be there waiting for you, for be assured nature took care of that a long, long time ago. It is the long way to look at things, but it is the only right way. The drill will give you some facts and perhaps encouragement. This latter way will get you to your ore in shape to begin taking it out. It is the only way I personally have ever used.

If there is any additional information I may possess, be assured that it is always at your disposal.

Sincerely

Alfred M. Thomsen

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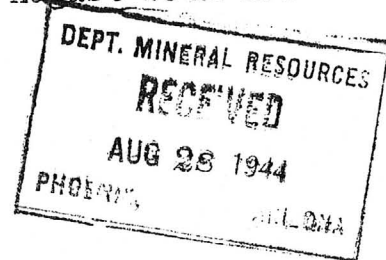
DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Gilbert Claims (Nichols) Date 1-30-63
District Mineral Hill District, Pinal County Engineer Lewis A. Smith
Subject: Interview with Woody Nichols in Globe.

Mr. Nichols is preparing to do assessment and other development work on his Gilbert Claims south and east of the Ajax. He plans to do some development work on a vein containing copper oxides in the outcrop. The principal mineral is chrysocolla. The property also has veins showing lead-silver and one that shows fair gold. The veins are in schist cut by porphyry dikes which look like andesite. The veins generally strike NW-SE at small angles. Mr. Nichols says there is a belt, with the Reymert at the north and his at the south, in which the mineralization is generally similar. This includes the Reymert, Apache, Woodpecker, Ajax, Tom Boy, Sunset, and Nichols from north to south. The belt to the east of this includes the Talley-Wall, Silver Belle, Martinez and others. Nichols thinks the east belt may have been faulted from the south end of the west belt. (This would involve a tremendous horizontal component.) Nichols has a tentative arrangement with Waughtel to mill his lead-silver ore, if the new mill proves successful.

Redwood City, Calif.
August 25th 1944



Arizona Bureau of Mines
413- Home Builders Building
Phoenix, Ariz.

Gentlemen;

I would like to make an enquire regarding some
infomation on The Sunset Mining Corporation located
at Florence Junction; Arizona.

I wish to know if it is operating
now at this present time, and if so what minerals do they
or metals take from the mines. Any information that I may
receive from you will be kept strictly confidential, and
appreciated. Thanking you very kindly, I remain

Yours very truly.

Thomas Giannini
445- Myrtle St.
Redwood City, Calif.

August 28, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Andrew Macfarlane

FROM: Chas. H. Dunning

Herewith inquiry regarding the Sunset Mine near Florence.

If you have any further data you might write this man and send copy for our file.

CND:LP
Enc. 2

August 28, 1944

Mr. Thomas Giannini
445 Myrtle Street
Redwood City, California

Dear Sir:

The latest news we have concerning the Sunset Mine in Pinal County, Arizona is dated March 21, 1944 and is as follows:

"It is expected that actual production will be started at the Sunset mine sometime in April and development work is proceeding. The 386-foot crosscut off the 310-foot level has just been completed at the Sunset, which is about 20 miles northeast of Florence, Arizona. Values are in copper, gold and silver, and five men are employed at present. The property is being operated by W. O. Kay, Florence Junction, Arizona, under lease from the Sunset Mining Company."

We will forward your letter to our field engineer in that district, Mr. Andrew Macfarlane of Globe, Arizona, and ask him to advise you direct if there is any later news.

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

CHD:LP

CC: Mr. Andrew Macfarlane

August 7, 1958

Sunset Mine (Pinal County) copper with some gold and silver
(Property) (ore)

report form with as complete detail
as, assay returns, shipment returns
before and which might interest a

FRANK P. KNIGHT,
Director.

Enc: Mine Owner's Report

Sunset Mining Company

INCORPORATED

Florence Junction, Arizona

DEPT. MINERAL RESOURCES

RECEIVED

JAN 22 1945

PHOENIX

ARIZONA

1104 Bryant Street--San Francisco 3, California. January 20-1945

Arizona Department of Mineral Resources
304 Home Builders Building
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Dunning;

I was called here late last month and expected to remain here only couple of weeks, been delayed but will leave for the mine around last of this month,

We are working the same crew we had when you and Mr. MacFarlane called upon us at the mine on the 1st of last month, we encountered some good ore and shipped a car of same on the 10th of December, also should soon ship another car, although lately we put three of the men working at another point where we hope to soon get good shipping ore, from letters received from the mine I can plainly see we will need more of the Non-Highway gasoline within the next couple of weeks, or maybe sooner, SO, am herewith enclosing the Application for an additional 1590 gallons.

This Application might be a couple of weeks earlier than we originally thought we might need more of this gasoline, but we SUPE have been doing considerable work at the mine, using both compressors some days and one compressor practically every day, also hoisting both ore and waste right along, we try to watch this very carefully and use the gasoline only when necessary, Am also enclosing herewith the last "Mileage Ration Identification Folder".

While at the Ration Board in Florence, Arizona on the 15th of last month, Miss Sims (in charge there) incidentally stated we should send you this Application "at least two weeks before we needed the gasoline".

I will greatly appreciate it if you will forward to me here (W.O.Kay-1104 Bryant Street-San Francisco 3, California) your approval for this Non-Highway Gasoline and I then will forward same to the Florence Ration Board with request they mail the coupons direct to the Sunset Mine- box 265-Superior, Arizona, so our foreman can get them before he runs out of the few coupons he now has on hand.

Will call upon you just to say "hello" when enroute back to the mine, in the meantime please accept my best regards and thanks,

Yours very truly



W.O. Kay
Sunset Mining Company

January 23, 1945

Mr. W. O. Kay
Box 265
Superior, Arizona

Dear Mr. Kay:

We have received your letter of the 20th with gas application and take pleasure in approving same and returning herewith.

We trust your shipments turn out well and continue to increase and that you make a lot of money.

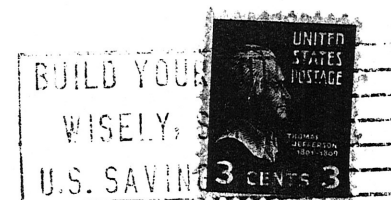
Yours sincerely,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

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Enc.

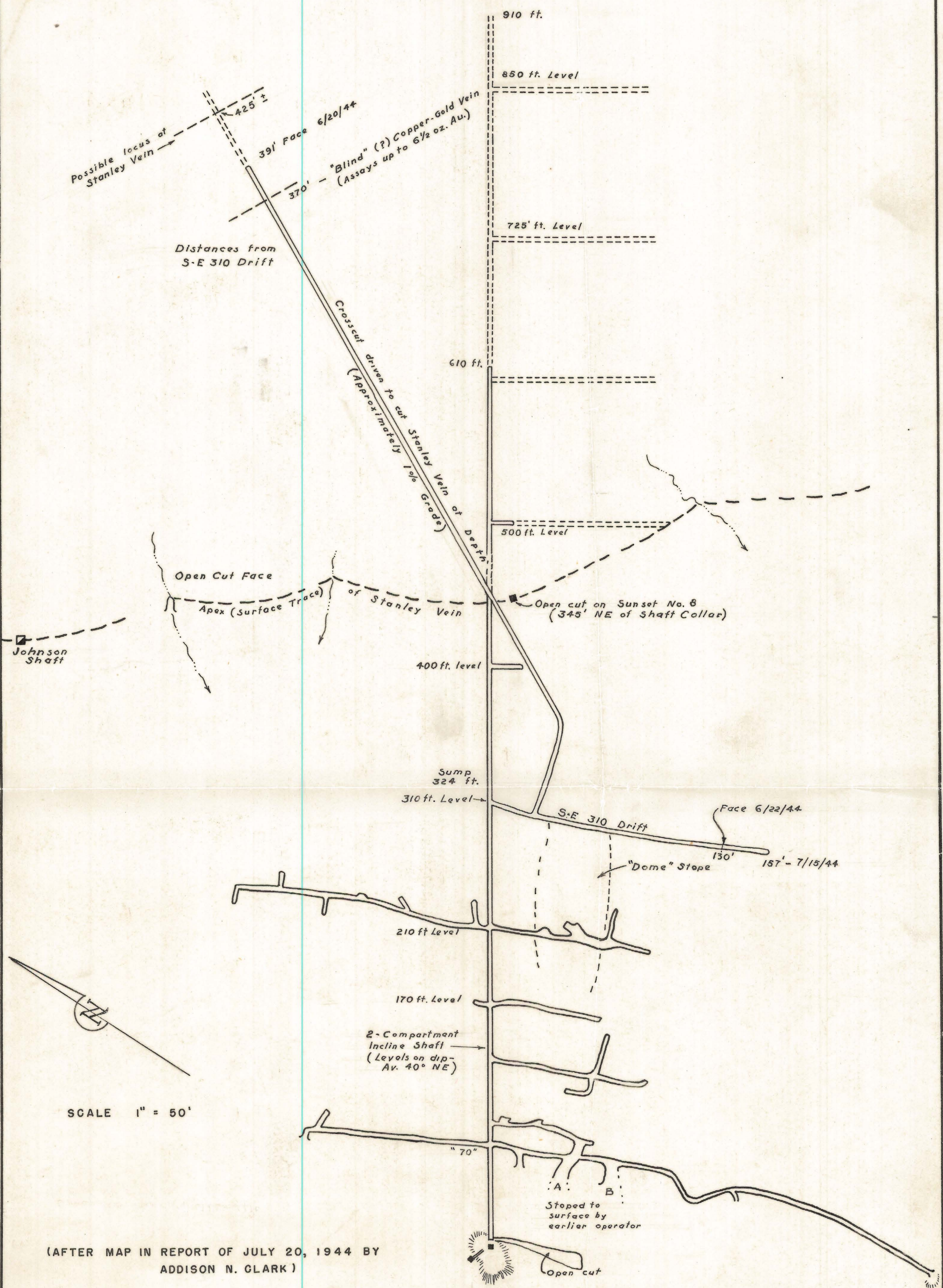
S U N S E T
COPPER COMPANY
MINE OFFICE: BOX 265
SUPERIOR, ARIZONA

• W.O.Kay
1104 Bryant Street
San Francisco 3, California



Department of Mineral Resources
304 Home Builders Building
Phoenix, Arizona.

ATTN.Mr.Chas H.Dunning



(AFTER MAP IN REPORT OF JULY 20, 1944 BY
ADDISON N. CLARK)

D M E A 2922 (COPPER)

PROPOSED WORK (DIAGRAMATIC) =====

FIGURE 2. - PLAN OF SUNSET MINE WORKINGS
MINERAL HILLS DISTRICT

PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA