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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: SWISSHELM MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

COCHISE COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 664

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 20 S RANGE 27 E SECTION 12 QUARTER S2
LATITUDE: N 31DEG 42MIN 03SEC LONGITUDE: W 109DEG 32MIN 38SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: SWISSHELM MOUNTAIN - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: EXP PROSPECT

COMMODITY:
SILVER
GOLD LODE

BIBLIOGRAPHY:
USBM FILE DATA CIRCA 1947
MINES HANDBOOK VOL. 18, P. 434
LORING, W.B., 1947, GEOLOGY AND ORE DEPOSITS
OF THE MOUNTAIN QUEEN AREA, NORTHERN
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SWISSHELM MINES

COCHISE COUNTY

See: Arizona Mining Journal March 1920 p. 23
April 1920 p. 61

1945

The Rape of the Swisshelm Mine



DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine \ Swisshelm Mines Date September 12, 1958
District Swisshelm Mining District, Cochise Co. Engineer Axel L. Johnson
Subject: Field Engineer's Report. Information from Reed F. Welch, A. S. & R. Co.

References: Report of June 12, 1958

Location: In the Swisshelm Mountains approximately 30 miles north of Douglas, Arizona.

No. of Claims: 18 (as reported by lease executed Oct. 27, 1955, posted on Nov. 14, 1955.)

Owners: Swisshelm Gold-Silver Co., Inc., c/o Conner & Jones, Valley National Bank Building, Tucson, Arizona., A. O. Johnson, Administrator.

Principal Minerals: Gold and silver.

Present Status: Mine closed down about one month ago ---- i. e. Aug. 12, 1958 (approx.)

References: AMS 3/1920, p. 23
4/1920, p. 61

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Henry, Bed - dead - apr 1456

Sample		Pb	Ag	Au	Cu
1	stockpile #1	5.76	4.92	.20	
2	"	2.88	3.22	.16	
3	"	3.70	4.92	.20	
4	"				
5	"				
6	}	3.60	2.12	.08	
7					
8		7.1	6.08	.18	

Grab sample

60 4.32 5.60 .16

100-e in slope

4.73 3.12 .16

11 Dump above road

1.80 2.34 .07

cu
to

7.0

A-8180

Grant J. Pool



DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Swisshelm Mines

Date June 12, 1958

District Swisshelm Mining District, Cochise County Engineer Axel L. Johnson

Subject: Field Engineer's Report. Information from J. F. Rydbom

Location: In the Swisshelm Mountains approximately 30 miles north of Douglas, Arizona

Owners: Swisshelm Gold-Silver Co., Inc., c/o Conner & Jones, Valley National Bank Building, Tucson, Arizona., A. O. Johnson, Administrator.

Lessee and Operator: J. F. Rydbom, Box 137, Elfrida, Arizona. Lease with option to buy.

Sub-Lessee: Conam Mining Company, Alexandria, Va. Working on an assignment from the lessee. J. F. Rydbom, Manager, Box 137, Elfrida, Arizona.

Principal Minerals: Gold and silver.

Present Mining Activity: Ore production about 50 tons per month. Shipping ore to the A. S. & R. smelter in El Paso, Texas. 3 men working.

Geology and Mineralization: Limestone replacement containing high gold and silver values associated with a considerable amount of hematite ore. Values not stated.

Mine Workings: 1 vertical shaft 55' deep.

- (2) 1 adit 100' long intersecting the vertical shaft at a depth of 40'.
- (3) Several stopes from the adit level.

Present Mining Operations: Stopping ore from the adit level, and shipping same to the A.S. & R. smelter at El Paso, Texas.

Conom Mining Company started operations in November, 1957. Since that time they have constructed mine buildings and an ore bin and driven the 100 ft. long adit. Mr. Rydbom reports that in this time they have shipped 3 carloads of ore, 2 of these being shipped since March 1, 1958.

SWISSHELM MINING DISTRICT
 COCHISE COUNTY ARIZONA
 LEAD-ZINC QUESTIONNAIRE

October 14, 1957.

approve of the Emergency Lead-Zinc Committee's seeking relief for the lead-
 industry and has it your authorization to speak for you? YES

Mines and Mills in the lead-zinc class do you control?

CHANCE GROUPE 4 CLAIMS, SWISSHELM GROUPE 18 CLAIMS

MARCH GROUPE, 3 CLAIMS

as are operating? (1) MARCH + SWISSHELM (2)

operating, when shut down? (1) CHANCE AUG. 1951 (2)

employed, prior to shut-down, in mine, mill or sections thereof producing
 zinc ores? (1) CHANCE MANY (2) AS 10 IN MINE

Number so employed on January 1, 1957? (1) NONE (2)

Number so employed on October 1, 1957? (1) NONE (2)

Remarks ATTEMPTING TO OPEN UP MARCH GROUPE, AND REHABILITATE
 SWISSHELM GROUPE, IN ANTICIPATION OF HIGHER PRICES FOR
 LEAD + ZINC, HIGHER PRICE FOR GOLD AND SILVER AND LOWER TAXES
 WOULD ALSO HELP

Company

By: J. F. Rydman
 Signature

Please fill in NOW, tear off, and mail to:

Arizona Department of Mineral Resources
 Mineral Building, Fairgrounds
 Phoenix, Arizona

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 OCT 17 1957
 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
 PHOENIX, ARIZONA
 MR. J. F. RYDBOM
 P.O. BOX 100
 FAIRGROUNDS

SWISSELM MINES, in Swisshelm Mts.

Found it idle. 10-14-57

ALJ

Sept. 12, 1958

Axel L. Johnson

Swisshelm Mines

Swisshelm Mining Dist., Cochise Co.

Information from Reed F. Welch

Present Status

Mine closed down about 1 month ago.

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MINI WORLD 4/1953

338 Granada St.
Tucson, Arizona
February 25/51

Mr. Chas. W. Dunning, Director
State of Arizona Mineral Resources
Mineral Building, Fairgrounds
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Dunning:

The two enclosures are quite self-explanatory. I am thrusting them upon Mr. Storms, also, at the U.S. Bureau of Mines, - University of Ariz. It is deep human nature, I reckon, to seek due approbation for vital decisions in human affairs, especially if the many become affected.

You are aware of the interest taken by Senator Carl Hayden in my mining business last fall. Upon his return to Washington we collaborated in efforts to secure prompt, practical steps to aid in production of bar metals, as per official appeals and promises, thru Associated Press, to contract and pay "satisfactory prices" to the owners. To date progress has hardly reached beyond zero, - "many" "small mines" (i.e., those lacking their own reduction plant) have either closed down, or reduced number of miners employed, - as I prophesied to Sen. Hayden over three months ago. And now, in my letter to him of Feb. 20, I am trying to compel a practical, essential "show-down", - with those in power to act, - but Washington is many thousands of miles from the Nation's mining States. I do not now seek to have you or Mr. Storms enter into any controversy, - but as a wise statesman recently declared: "If something is going wrong, then something must be done about it." So far as I can learn no stock-piled ores, Copper, Lead, Zinc (bar metals), - have either been contracted for or paid for, at "favorable prices" (or at any price!) In this situation, I feel your goodwill & sympathy is assured.

My regards & good wishes. Sincerely,
Geo. H. Hayes.

Copy

338 Yuma St.
Tucson, Arizona
February 20/31

Hon Carl Hayden
U.S. Senate Office, Washington

AIR MAIL

My dear Senator:- All efforts, with arguments & facts submitted to date to the official powers at Washington, having completely failed to produce results, or even faintest hopes of relief add aid to the mine owners of insufficient financial strength (too "small") for erection of metal reduction plants on or near their own property, - I have concluded to trouble you once again, so as to "clear the record" for me in my proposed future steps to protect and to save such Arizona Mines.

In my letter Feb. 10, replying to yours of Jan. 24, I advised the bonding of my property on satisfactory terms & conditions, for \$300,000. In the deal I preserved the right to either include my 2,500 tons of #35 stockpiled ores, or to withhold them for sale at \$10 per ton. The bond holder is E. J. Longyear Co. Minneapolis, Minn. - Mining Engineers; and 70 years in business. In my original terms I had asked for \$1,500 cash as preliminary "good faith" payment, but eliminated it at their suggestion, and their "substituting the promise to do this work in ship-shape manner and continuously." And they also added: "Certainly, if your faith in the property is justified, it is one which should be operating from the standpoint of the Country's welfare, in addition to your own, for Lead is a rather scarce article these days." And they closed with the sentence: "I should be most pleased to hear from you, and remain, Yours faithfully, D. Davidson, Vice President."

I shall add one more significant quotation from Davidson's letter of Feb. 6 to-wit: "I believe we can have one of our top engineers in Tucson by the first of March, but I will ask you, please, to give me leeway of 2 weeks, if necessary, because we are largely engaged on War work at the moment, and we are understaffed for the volume of work involved." And another quote: "Having first hand knowledge of the Defense Mineral Administration, I think I can perhaps be of some assistance in this matter and hope to be able to see you myself towards end of February."

After many decades in the struggles of human existence with its possible, but not probable, acquisition of a competency; marrying young & raising and supporting a family of five (3 girls & 2 boys), I have learned much concerning human nature, its virtues and its faults; its heights & its depths. Hence I readily comprehend how the mental "favorable" calibre of a James Boyd will sprout vindictiveness against me because of my justified criticisms of his official promises, acts & measures that have proved, and are proving so detrimental, and so ruinous to the "small mines" in all the War Metal producing States of the Nation, - and World War 3 at our doors! Nevertheless, I now request that you submit, for prompt Yes or No decision in Washington (I could secure a favorable decision in Arizona quickly, but with the new "joker" in "procedure", any delegated powers to States must pass the gantlet boss in Washington. "Sic itur ad astra"!) the following amended offer to sell 2,500 tons (approximately) of Lead, Gold, Silver stockpiled ores, carrying #35 per ton (approx. 6%), with the Lead values predominating. I will accept five (5) dollars per ton, a total of \$12,500, less R.F.L. loan, and interest, - \$5,000. And I agree to care for such tonnage, without charge, until moved.

My regards & good wishes,
Sincerely,
D. Davidson

~~Copies~~

United States Senate
Committee on Appropriations

(2)

January 24, 1951

Mr. Ben Newey, President
Swisshelv Gold Silver Co.
338 Granada Street
Tucson, Arizona

My dear Ben:

Referring to your past correspondence,
I attach hereto a letter which I have just re-
ceived from Dr. James Boyd regarding your
offer to sell your lead ore stockpile at \$10.⁰⁰
per ton.

I regret that Dr. Boyd is unable
to accept this offer.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,
Carl Hayden

United States
Department of the Interior
Bureau of Mines
Washington 25, D.C.

(1)

January 17, 1951

Hon Carl Hayden
United States Senate

My dear Senator Hayden:

In reply to your letter of December 15, 1950, enclosing
a telegram sent to you by Mr. Ben Newey of Tucson in which
he offers to dispose of his stockpile of lead ore at \$10 per ton:

This matter has been reviewed by the Lead-Zinc Division
of the Defense Minerals Administration. I regret to report
that since lead is not one of the metals in which there is a
critical supply problem at the present time, it will be impossi-
ble for the government to purchase Mr. Newey's ore.

The telegram is returned herewith as requested.

Sincerely yours,
James Boyd
Administrator

Wait until the shooting
begins & bullets
are critically needed!
That suits Ocklin!

STATUS OF DORMANT MINES

MINE NAME: Swisschelin
LOCATION: Cochise County
OWNER AND/OR LEASEE: Swisschelin Gold Silver Co.
ADDRESS: 338 Granada St., Tucson, Arizona
APPROXIMATE PRODUCTION (~~Year of 1945~~): to date over \$150,000

COPPER _____ Lbs. LEAD 1000 Lbs.
ZINC _____ Lbs. (OTHER) Aggs

CHECK THE CHIEF CAUSE OF YOUR DISCONTINUED PRODUCTION:

- (A) Easily available ore worked out.
- (B) Increased costs, but have quantity similar to past grade of ore.
- (C) Too close a margin to develop more ore.
- (D) Actively exploring, developing and stockpiling since 1944, but no shipping because of El Paso Smelter excessive charges

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 22½¢ plus 5¢ premium..... 1,000,000 Lbs.
Copper at 22½¢ plus 10¢ premium..... 1,500,000 Lbs.

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?

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

*Swisschelin Corporation
6000 Woodchuck, Box 50
Tucson - Arizona
Have kept
only 1000
best values
for past 2 years*

beyond any doubt now. They want claim harvest 25000 ft workings.

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

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

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.

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.

Please discuss the above: Considerable diamond

drilling done during past few months:

Last year Anaconda Co. located 23 new claims.
In last 30 days U.S. R. M. Co. & Utah took up
11 claims, also diamond drill one hole to
perfect location for last year. These claims
were on 2 sides of S. G. S. Co.'s 17 claims.

SUGGESTIONS:

Chance Mining Co. on my south (with 4 claims
with pb-ag ore) have joined me for erection of
25-ton mill (patented dry process - saves over 80%
of Lead) in Dept. - To mill ore not payable to ship
and profits thereon to be divided with Mill owner.

Dept 250' vertical; has shipped approx \$100,000 worth in past 18 months by combined to head over

DATE August 17/50

SIGNATURE Ben Henry
Pres. Sarsobahn Gold
Silver Co.

With reasonable financial aid, these 2 which can produce very considerable "great" tonnage.

or over 1897 with 6 to 10 pct. ag.

Copy
C. H. D.
Phoenix

United States Senate

February 24, 1951

Received
2/27/51

Mr. Ben Hemeny, President
Swisshelum Gold Silver Co.
338 Granada Street
Tucson, Arizona

My dear Ben:

I have your letter of February 20, and have today transmitted to the Defense Minerals Administration your offer to sell your lead ore stockpile. I shall let you know as soon as his reply is received.

With kindest personal regards, I am
Yours very sincerely,
Carl Hayden

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 28, 1951. Explanations & comments by T.H. on above.

In said foregoing offer I had cut a previous offer in half, for the purpose of compelling said D.M.A. to make a practical decision on his published official promise, "to contract for the purchase of any stockpiled ores at a satisfactory price". My first offer was to accept \$10 per ton for 2,500 tons averaging approx. \$35 per ton in lead-gold-silver, with lead value predominating. Such offer would pay scant or no profit in excess of development, mining and stockpiling; and I agreed to care for such stockpiles, with no charge, until the Government moved them. Said D.M.A. had advised Senator Hayden that ~~it was not~~ on request he would "consider" any offer made by me. In such offer I had solicited a counter-offer in event of refusal. The D.M.A. after almost a month of "consideration", wrote "regrets" to Senator Hayden that it was not acceptable, but refrained from submitting any counter-offer. It would "neither shoot nor surrender the gun". In brief, its attitude spelled complete repudiation of official promises, and hence proved their utter futility. In the language of Goethe, - Germany's Shakespeare, - "I hate like sin all bunbling, but most of all bunbling in state affairs, which produces nothing but mischief to thousands and to millions." Has American Democracy improved or worsened matters?

(See reverse side)

My second offer, now pending, is at the rate of \$5.00 per ton, and means not only no profit, but a most serious loss. It is submitted in the expectation of betterment and improved outlook for all miners in Arizona that are subject to the crushing exactions of Custom Smelters because they lack their own reduction plants, - hence are disdainfully dubbed as "small".

From such personal sacrifices now, I feel compensated to a considerable degree by the probably improved status quickly, of desperately struggling for existence of many, many promising mineral areas. It must be remembered that most mineral deposits in Southern Arizona, large and small, are replacements in limestones, - and not fissure veins. Also that they carry all three vital metals required in bar: copper, lead, zinc, - or at least two of them.

Any criticisms, however just and necessary, against bungling public officials clothed with authority and with dangerous powers in Washington, must perforce anticipate bitter hostility, direct or indirect. Bunglers too frequently lack conscience, and hence there flows that "mischief to thousands and to millions", as viewed by Goethe.

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WESTERN UNION

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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ROGER MANNING= *Fair Grounds*

STATE MINING ENGINEER PHOENIX ARIZ=

YOUR APPRECIATED UNANTICIPATED PHONE YESTERDAY WITH ITS SURPRISE OFFER REGARD MY MINE GAVE FOOD FOR THOUGHT RESULTING IN REALIZATION PENDING NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE OF 2,500 TONS STOCKPILED, ORES HAVE US VITAL BEARING BECAUSE SUCH ORES CAN BE INCLUDED OR ELIMINATED IN ANY MINE SALE AGREEMENT. I SHALL LEAVE FOR MY MINE MONDAY MORNING ON REGULAR TRIP RETURNING TUESDAY NIGHT. CAN CONFER WITH YOU TOMORROW SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY. AM MAILING YOU BY SPECIAL DELIVERY MY FILE COPIES OF TWO LETTERS TO SENATOR HAYDEN=

BEN HENEY=

See 440p m

*PP 58220 RM
JT mail*

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DUPLICATE OF TELEGRAM TELEPHONED

338 Granada St.
Tucson, Arizona
December 18, 1950

Don Carl Hayden
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

After further reflection over the ponderous data mailed you yesterday, I concluded to submit one pertinent inducement or reason for the Government's prompt favorable action in my case respecting purchase of my 2500 tons of stockpiled ores at a "satisfactory price". It bears on the bona fide involved.

My only son, Carlyle Francis, now 52, graduated from University of Arizona as a Civil Engineer. After official service in City and County here, he became first assistant to Los Angeles, later he became Principal Engineer in the Interior Department, Washington, under Secretary Icher. Bearing on such record I am enclosing 3 news items from my "family files". He still remains in Government service.

His son now faces a third call from the Nation to again give his services at risk of health, or loss of ability to work, or loss of life itself.

If I secure the financial aid requested, I can avoid closing down my mine, and can immediately begin to increase output of Lead-Zinc-Gold-Silver ores, with Lead values now predominating. Swisshelm District, Cochise County, is essentially a Lead producing district, but only the highest grades can be shipped to El Paso at even a most moderate profit.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Hayden

In 1945, at end of War 2,
he had become a Staff-Colonel

Encl. 3
P.H.

Copy

Tucson, Arizona
338 Granada Street
December 10, 1950

Hon. Carl Hayden
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your favor of Dec. 1, postmarked Dec. 2, was delivered in due time with its heavy enclosure covering modus operandi for obtaining of Government loans for production of war metals. I much appreciate your action and purpose. However, after you returned to Washington and I had given further thought on the situation and its probable solution, I dismissed plans for a loan and concluded to rely on the Government's promise and promise to purchase stock piled ores. As I had already mined and stockpiled approximately 2,500 tons carrying, now, gross values of about an average of \$35 per ton, - with Lead content predominating, I have awaited definite decisions and instructions. Such advice, in clear and vital details, were dispatched from New York by A.P. under date of Dec. 5. I enclose a copy from Arizona Daily Star of Dec. 6. The two most interesting and vital items to me are stated in paragraph two and in next to the last paragraph. The former advises that the DMLA can help mine operators to "Obtain contracts for disposing of their output at satisfactory prices"; and the latter declares that the "DMLA will not maintain a field staff but will rely upon the Bureau of Mines - geological survey teams in various districts". By reason of your aid late in Sept. & in early Oct., while in Phoenix, my mining property was examined Oct. 5 by State Engineer Roger Manning, assistant to Chas. H. Drumming, Director Ariz. Mineral Resources. His report was no doubt also submitted to D. Storms, Chief, U.S. Bureau of Mines, Tucson.

Page 2 - Hon. C. H. - Dec 10/50 - Tucson, Ariz.

During past 5 years I have expended in excess of \$37,000 in development, exploration, mining, and stockpiling ore, protection and upkeep of workings, equipment, improvements and roads. No ore of any grade have been shipped because of excessive charges, deductions and plain, ruinous graft by A.S.R. Co. custom smelter at El Paso, Texas, - with its unrestrained Monopoly. On Sept. 1, 1948, I reduced my laborers to my best two miners. They are men with large families. Oldest son of my foreman has been in the Army for some 3 years, and stationed at Trieste, as Corporal, or Sergeant. He married an Italian girl last August.

My stockpiled ore have been thoroughly, and recently, well tested by patented Dry Process of Paul Jewell, who has had his extensive laboratory in Tucson for past 5 years. Such dry concentration is not only more effective in values saved, but it is also much cheaper. Shipments of Lead-Silver ore, from adjoining properties on my South, - to Douglas or Bisbee for Wet Process concentration, resulted in loss of over 30% in values, whereas the Dry Process has a loss of less than 20%. Agreement has been reached for construction of a 250 ton Mill by Jewell at my Swisshelm property.

In my equipment is a \$3000 Chicago Pneumatic Compressor and a \$1000 Hoist. Since active renewal of work 5 years ago, I have depended on mere hand drilling, because of the economies involved, and now because of War exigencies there are increasing offers for purchase of undoubted valuable mining property carrying ore of Copper, lead, or zinc. But, as I advised on previous page, I now prefer to accept the Government's urgent request "offers to purchase stockpiled ore" at satisfactory prices". If such prices can promptly mutually be agreed upon, - I can increase, more and more, my laborers, and

Page 3 - Non. C. A. - Dec 10/50 - Tucson, Ariz.

the output daily of stockpiled ores. Of course, the gaining of a satisfactory price per ton for any present or future stockpiled ores must necessarily be more or less arbitrary, - and dependent of course on changing value content - we will resolute. The chief item is the "Cost of mining per ton", but that constantly varies, and seldom, if ever, ^{can} be definitely declared. It is customarily fixed at ten (10) dollars. - Our Nation's dire emergency is realized. My own is only known to myself! Unless I make a sacrifice sale, or again mortgage my home, I shall be compelled to stop work at the Mine by December 31. For some years I have carried, with renewal, a \$5,000 R.F.C. Loan. Therefore, under foregoing detailed circumstances and conditions, I agreed to best "satisfied" if the Government will promptly as possible, pay me \$15. per ton for my 2,500 tons already stocked-piled outside & inside the Mine, - a total of \$37,500. However, I am willing to agree further "I accept now \$10 per ton, \$25,000, - until a future settlement on stockpiled ores. From either of said payments, the Government, of course, should deduct the said \$5,000 Loan, & its interest due.

A word more respecting ore milling agreement. Jewell supplies his own patented tables, but his financial backer, C. A. Porter, of California, furnishes all required machinery. Mr. Porter accompanied me to Swisshelm mine last week. He has decided to live in Tucson until the Mill is constructed & in operation. He will remain at the El Presidio Hotel.

~~Encl.~~
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My regards. Yours sincerely,
F. Scott Key

338 Nevada St.
December 7, 1950
Tucson, Arizona

Mr. Chas. W. Dunning, Director
Dept. Mineral Resources, Arizona
Mineral Bldg., Fairgrounds
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Dunning:

Yesterday's mail brought me, in a 9 1/2 by 12-inch envelope, marked in big red letters, "Letter Mail Immediate", a letter from Senator Hayden, enclosing 5 copies of "Form WORB, Application for Government Loan under Sec. 302 of the Defense Production Act of 1950". You perhaps have seen said Form. The Senator's letter was dated Dec 1, postmarked 12/2/50.

When wading thru the Form, with its 12 pages of queries and spaces for required data, - my reflections re-called your warning and prophecy of a few months ago, re danger of confusion &c. in pending problems of granting authority to whom, where, how & when. Finally I reached my own conclusion, insofar as Loans to Producers of Copper, Lead, Zinc were involved: "Unworkable!"

However, in my own case such Loan Forms have no bearing because no Loan is desired. My mining property has produced and will continue to produce stockpiled ores, - of all grades, high, medium and low, - without shipments to El Paso Smelter, with its excessive, and grafting charges & deductions. I took such attitude and decision years ago, and have been able to develop and mine ores by using other personal assets. My stockpiles now undoubtedly exceed 2,500 tons, carrying approximately \$35 per ton in Lead-Silver-Gold; also zinc veins disclosed but not mined. Hence my problem, as I am advising Sen. Hayden, is a definite, practical agreement with the Government to purchase my stockpiles. In that connection I need Manning, who specially examined my property on Oct 5. He evidently thought I was daily at the Mine, and so he missed me, but my foreman, of course, took him through the workings, - and he was also able to estimate the quantity of stockpiles inside and outside the Mine. - An agreement has been closed for creation of a 25-ton Mill, by Paul Jewell of Tucson, under his patented Dry Process. A thorough test proved a saving of approximately 82% per cent of value.

Engineer Manning's report should aid in Senator Hayden's and my own applications at Washington, for government purchase of vital metals already mined and stockpiled. Thank you in advance for your considerable attention. Sincerely, Bruce Manning
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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

December 1, 1950

EVERARD H. SMITH, CLERK
CECIL H. TOLBERT, ASST. CLERK

Mr. Ben Heney
338 Granada Street
Tucson, Arizona

My dear Ben:

Remembering your interest in securing information concerning mining loan regulations under the terms of the Defense Production Act, I am attaching hereto five copies of Form NSRB-146, "Application for Government Loan under Sec. 302 of the Defense Production Act of 1950", together with a copy of the appendage of regulations relating to loans.

These applications are to be filled out in quadruplicate and addressed to Dr. James Boyd, Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Minerals Administration, Department of Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

With regard to question 3, on page 2, I have been informed that it would be advisable if the nature of business and description of project were described in considerable detail and if possible an engineering report attached thereto.

Also, the location of and route to the property in question should be clearly indicated and the name and address of the party who is in charge of the premises given. This will avoid delay in the event that officials from the Bureau of Mines should wish to make an inspection of the property or plant.

Hoping this information will be of assistance to you, I am, with cordial good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Carl Hayden

*Copy to
Kindly return
to my file. 1950*

October 6, 1950

Mr. Seton S. Williams
201 North Court Street
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have your letter of October 5th and we have had quite a little correspondence with Mr. Heney.

There now seems no chance of our getting any emergency funds to continue our survey of dormant mines, or of getting any increased appropriation effective before next July first. There will be every effort made, however, to induce the next legislature to give us a better appropriation so we can do some real field work, but, as above stated, any such funds will not be available until July first.

Latest word from Washington is that the mine assistance program will be carried out by the U. S. Bureau of Mines (at Tucson for the Arizona district). We will offer our services to Mr. Storms for anything within our limitations, but there seems no chance that we will have any authority. Further word from Washington also suggests that it will probably be a month before the machinery is set up.

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

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CECIL H. TOLBERT, ASST. CLERK

640 Security Bldg.
Phoenix, Arizona
October 3, 1950

Mr. Charles H. Dunning, Director
Department of Mineral Resources
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Dunning:

Referring to our conversation, I am enclosing the letter addressed to me by Mr. Ben Heney of Tucson, Arizona, who writes relative to financial assistance for mining exploration and development.

I will appreciate whatever advice you can give me.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,



enc.

P. S. Please address reply to me
sending me original and one copy.
Kindly return enclosures.

October 5, 1950

Honorable Carl Hayden
Senator from Arizona
c/o Hotel Adams
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Senator:

We have your letter of October 3rd enclosing letter from Mr. Ben Heney. We are returning Mr. Heney's letter herewith.

Our latest word from Washington (through Dr. Boyd) is that it will be a month yet before the machinery will be set up to give aid to the small mines. In fact it is not entirely certain just how the authority will be crystallized or divided.

We are advising people to have all their data ready and that in all probability applications for loans or other assistance will be handled by the U. S. Bureau of Mines in Tucson.

When it first became apparent that the country would need more metal than could be normally supplied, we made a questionnaire survey of our dormant mines to determine what they might produce and what it would take to produce it. Our object was twofold: (1) as per above, and (2) to gather from the field such opinions and data that would enable us to formulate a concrete plan that would be most economical, workable and acceptable to the operators, and then impress this plan on the policy making authorities in Washington.

The replies to our questionnaire were so individual and oft times so "wild" that it was evident that for definite data that could be put into tabulated form it would be necessary to have an engineering interview with potential producers, and often make an inspection of their properties or records. We did not have the funds for such a survey and the State Attorney General ruled that the Governor's emergency fund could not be so used.

So plans were formulated in Washington without the help that we might have given, and we fear that when they are announced many "bugs" will appear. One example: the "field" was strongly of the opinion that the producers should have only one agency to deal with. I will wager that it will turn out that they will have to deal with half a dozen.

Senator Hayden

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Oct. 5, 1950

We are enclosing copy of our summation of the questionnaire replies and we trust that you will still be able to lend a guiding hand so that the forthcoming procedures will be as workable as possible.

I would like particularly to call to your attention that every time the Arizona mining industry has had the stimulus and incentives brought about by a national emergency, new mines of a large or permanent type have been developed that later became important state and national taxpayers. With our growing economy, even without war conditions, the country needs these new mines. A proper incentive program for the little ones will surely bring about a few new big ones, the taxes alone from which will exceed the entire program's cost.

Please be assured that this department wants to help in any way it can.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

CHD:mh
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201 N. Court St.
Tucson, Arizona
October 5, 1950

Mr. Chas. H. Dunning, Director
Department of Mineral Resources
Mineral Building, Fairgrounds
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Dunning:

Mr. R. W. Hughes' letter to you of September 7th, which you kindly forwarded to me, is returned herewith, with thanks.

I want to add my congratulations to those you have already received, both personal and in various mining publications, for the recent survey which you made in preparation for war-time demands on Arizona's mineral resources. At this critical time, -as Roger Manning probably told you after the last meeting of Tucson's ASMOA chapter, -we are hoping that you will occupy the key position in determining what Arizona mines warrant federal aid, and in the administration of such aid. Our small operators are seriously opposed to a repetition of their experience of World War II, when assorted strange federal mine examiners visited their properties, and all decisions were apparently made after considerable delay in Washington.

The main purpose of this note is to let you know that Mr. Ben Heney, operator of a lead-silver-gold mine in the Swisshelms may soon visit your office, -with or without giving you advance notice by telephone. If he does call on you it is quite likely that he will be accompanied by his old friend U. S. Senator Hayden. You have recently received one of your mineral survey folders from Mr. Heney regarding his mine, and he will want to know what can be done about selling his ore, -including his rather generous stockpile to the Government.

While you are probably strongly aware of it already, may I take the liberty of inviting your attention confidentially to the fact that Mr. Heney is a confirmed A.S. & R. hater. This philosophy apparently accounts for his action in stockpiling his production which he has mined continuously for several years without making a single shipment to the El Paso smelter, and it will come to the front quickly in any discussion he enters with regard to small mine operations in Arizona.

Mr. Chas. H. Dunning

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October 5, 1950

We were happy to learn from Roger Manning's recent remarks at the Tucson ASMOA meeting that there is some possibility that emergency funds may possibly be forthcoming to give the Department a chance to get back into full scale operation to assist in meeting current demands for mineral production.

After the meeting ended, Mr. Manning told me that my name is under consideration for field engineer for this area should the emergency appropriation be granted. Please be assured that if my experience with small mines and operators in this part of the State can be of service to you, I will be happy to put it at your disposal.

Respectfully yours,

Seton S. Williams

Seton S. Williams
Registered Geologist

Copy Don Carl Van der
640 Security Bldg.
Phoenix, Arizona

Guess "C" in., 9/30/50
338 Gran Da Street

My dear Senator:

Your gracious communication of 27th inst., I have received with much appreciation. My own political support to you began with your first candidacy for Congress. Your recent success in the Primary Election was undoubtedly due to your two outstanding qualifications: Ability, backed by Conscience. Fortunate is the Nation that selects and elects such officials!

Altho this is your well earned rest period, I trust that I may invade it briefly re a vital industry in our State, and in which I have engaged for many years, - the exploration, development and mining of needed Metals. Such business is and has been confronted with problems now demanding solutions. The most serious, for so termed "Small mine owners", is the cost of Smelting his mined ore, especially Lead or Copper content involved, and more particularly Lead because of the necessity to ship it to El Paso, Texas, which is the nearest place for southern Arizona's production. Because of excessive charges and unjust "deductions" from market prices, from assay values, from "moisture" content, etc., - the net result constitutes an unbearable Monopoly-Graft. Because of such condition I have refused to ship my ore, and I have been stockpiling. Tests some months ago, by a patented dry process, on unshipable grades because no profit, but carrying from \$15 to \$40 per ton gross Lead-Silver-Gold in value, - were so successful that a 25-ton per day Mill will be built in October. All foregoing is in reference to Swiss-helm Mining District, Cochise County, in Swiss-helm Mts. north of Douglas. Much has happened in said area during past two years, - in the way of deeper development and increased ore output. I enclose a news item of a year ago. During this year two "Major" Companies (U.S.S.R. & M. Co. and Anaconda Co.) have located 11 and 28 new claims, ^{respectively} ~~in~~.

During said past two years, the American Smelting-Refining Co., - owners of El Paso Smelter, - have endeavored to bond, and to secure new locations, but have failed because of their unfair, as well as grafting, methods & procedure. However, such handicaps in legitimate mining are by no means new or modern, for as far back as World War I period,

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Comptroller of the Currency, file his official report that Custom Smelters took advantage of war conditions and high prices of metals "by absorbing the lion's share of the profits thereon." And now, some 30 years later, such conditions are worse. Lord save us! Recently in discussing with my neighbor on the south, then shipping a carload of his best grade ore, - running from \$40 to \$50 per ton, how much of the gross value was taken by El Paso Smelter, - he replied, with serious voice and face, - "It takes over one-half"! The shipper has expended from \$10 per ton to considerable more, on exploration, development and on mining his ore; and of course paying for hauling it some 45 miles to the railroad at Douglas. Small margin!

Meanwhile, with the demise of the Cold War, and with World War 3 in its first throes, our Government has planned to revive the expiring R.F.C. Loan Agency, and to grant funds for production of needed metals, - copper, lead, zinc &c., and also to contract to purchase all such ores duly mined. Along this line I enclose pp. 7, 8, 9, from "Mine Record", Sept. 7, Denver, Col., wherein Chas. H. Dunning, Director, Dept. Mineral Resources of Arizona, Phoenix, has worked out a practical, efficient procedure for the best use of Ariz. quota, \$1,400,000. After mailing many printed circulars to probable and possible recipients, he concluded that only approximately 50 Mines would or should receive such loans & contracts. Upon studying his plan & his summary, I concluded that the Government would surely grant him the authority to supervise said loans & contracts. Just as our old friend, now deceased, Bill Gohring, was granted the power to make R.F.C. Loans. Such authority should exist in the capital of each mining State. - In past few days I have been advised that Mr. Dunning has been invested with such power. Therefore, I had quite fully answered his questionnaires, and I also had some further correspondence with him, in which I endeavored to fully explain that I had been stockpiling all my ores, both high grade and milling grade, in the expectation of reaping more of the just profits. You are no doubt well acquainted with Mr. Dunning, and with his high fitness for such a task so vital now to our Country, as well as to World civilization. - I trust to having the pleasure again of seeing you soon here, or elsewhere. My best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,
Rosi Hansen.

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United States Senate
Committee on Appropriations

640 Security Bldg.
Phoenix, Arizona
September 27, 1950

Mr. Ben Bevelly
338 W. Granada
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Ben:

I want to thank you for the great assistance which you gave me during my campaign for renomination as United States Senator on the Democratic ticket. I sincerely appreciate such support as yours which made it possible for me to win in the Primary Election.

With best regards, I am
yours very sincerely,
Carl Hayden

September 26, 1950

Mr. Ben Heney
338 Granada Street
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Heney:

We have your letter of September 24th and it may be possible that we will have an engineer in your district in the near future. If so, we will have him call on you and Mr. Rybdom at your properties.

There is nothing definite yet as to the procedure for obtaining government mine help.

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

CHD:mh

I leave
for my mine
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my rough
Dincerely,
Ben Deasey.

338 Granada St.
Tucson Arizona
Sept. 24, 1950

Hastily
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Mr. Chas. W. Dunning, Director
Department of Mineral Resources
Mineral Bldg. Fairgrounds, Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Dunning:

This communication is pertinent to recent correspondence. On my trip last week to my mine in Cochise County, I conferred intimately, as usual, with my adjoining on the south neighbor, J. F. Rydholm (Chance Mining Co.). That property is most thoroughly equipped, and has been shipping its lead ore for several years. The silver content runs about 8 to 12 ozs. The shipments have been confined to the highest grade ore in lead. Such is necessarily so because of excessive charges, exactions and downright graft by the El Paso Smelter.

During our talk Mr. Rydholm submitted a late copy of Denver, Colo. Mining Record, wherein across top of page 7, appears in heavy type your article headed: "Arizona Proposes Excellent Plan To Speed Mining Progress". Mr. Rydholm came from Colorado to Swisshelm mining district some five years ago, with his wife. The workings are down on and from the 150' to 250' vertical levels, and below the limited-water level at approximately 100ft. He has joined me in an agreement of a dry process, patented, will (25 tons daily) by Paul R. Jewell of this city. It should be erected next month, at owner's expense, to ship will all ores not shipable at a profit to El Paso.

Two outstanding statements in your article struck us most forcibly, viz.: (1) Government's appropriation for Arizona is approximately \$1,400,000; (2) Probably not more than 50 mines would qualify. In shipping only his highest grades, and stockpiling all willing grades, Mr. Rydholm has plenty tonnage for shipping. In my case I have a stockpile over 2000 tons of an ag-pb ore averaging now over \$30 per ton. At present I am mining and stockpiling very high grade ore with the lead content averaging, no doubt, over 20% (probably 25%). The silver and gold content carries approx. \$1,750. With prompt financial aid, both my neighbor and myself could employ more and more miners and stockpile more and more ore. In the very face of World War, immediate effective

defense and retaliatory actions are unavoidable.
Our worthy departed friend, I'll be going into our Mining State was given authority to decide on R.F.C. jobs, so should authority be granted you to select mining properties for essential ore extraction.

338 Guadalupe St.
Tucson Arizona
August 21, 1950

11 AM.

Mr. Chas. H. Dunning
Director, Dept. Mineral Resources
Fairgrounds, Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Dunning:

Following up my letter of 19th, on same subject. An hour ago the Secretary of S.M.O.A. here, Arthur Jacobs, phoned and read a letter he had just received from Chas. Billis, at Washington. It was extremely pessimistic. Billis appeared hopeless of any legislation to aid "Small Mine Owners". He described the Committee's failure to reach any definite agreement - and its listlessness & inconclusiveness from day to day. Such shirking of duty, by Congress in the very face of World War 3, is astounding. It "Smells" of Custom Shelters again, scheming to "absorb" the Lion's share of the profits from ores mined in war periods, as Comptroller of the Currency, William Ridgely reported and denounced 30 years ago, during World War 1. And now such criminal graft, by Monopoly, has grown greater.

Wars have struck home in my family. Among the dead is my widowed daughter Colonel Wm. Perry Smith who for years was Chief Quartermaster at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Among the living is Colonel Aubrey Lippincott, who served as Chief of Staff in Panama Canal Zone. And my son, Lieut. Colonel, Carlyle F. Newby, now in Washington, and who resigned when Principal Engineer in Interior Dept., to enter the Army, at end of War he resigned from the Army. May I state that said widowed daughter, - no children, came "home" to live. Our Government of the highest civilization on Earth remunerates her with a pension of \$40⁰⁰ per month!

My good wishes to you.

Sincerely,
Bill Newby, Pres.
Swissvale Gold Silver Co.

338 Grant St.
Tucson, Arizona
August 19, 1950

Mr. Chas. L. Dunning,
Director, Dept. Mineral Resources
Mineral Bldg., Fairgrounds
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Dunning:

Referring to our recent correspondence.

Because of the crisis our Country now faces, and your own vital position in our State for hastening production of the sinews of War, I feel it incumbent upon ~~me~~ to write more specifically. ①. In an emergency in July, 1947, and to increase my mineral output, I applied for an R.F.C. loan through the late, lamented Mr. Gorking of Phoenix. In conference with him, he suggested I take at least \$10,000. I accepted \$5000 for 2 years. It was renewed for 6 mos., then for 3 mos. & finally for 2 months. It falls due Sept 1/50. Respecting said last brief extension, Mr. A. Christie, Chief, El Paso Branch, R.F.C., wrote: (relative to my expressed expectations for other aid).

"In the event you expect to receive funds within a period of 60 days, I would not be averse to recommending that the loan be carried in past due status for that length of time and thus save you the expense and inconvenience of placing a mortgage on your home". (In same letter he wrote): "I am sure the R.F.C. has no idea of forcing you to mortgage your home to pay the note".

My mistake in the first place was in not requesting a loan for \$10,000, or more. My ore shipments theretofore had exceeded \$150,000; property equipped for economic mining and for development. ②. Since July, 1947, I have expended over \$25,000, in "on the Mine" (17 claims including fractions, - covering over 315 acres). Such expenditures do not include any remuneration for myself as President and General Mgr., - because my family owns over 5/6ths of the non-assessable Corporation stock of 600,000 shares, with a par of 50¢ per share. It is an Ariz. Corporation. ③. After a thorough test of my non-shippable ores (now over 200 tons stock piled), carrying approximately \$27.00 in pb-ars-ag - at present price of 13¢/lb for lead - I have contracted for a 25-ton mill, patented dry process, by Paul R. Jewell who has his extensive Laboratory & Mill in Tucson. The 10 tables (2 1/2 tons to a table) are being rushed to completion in California, and the Mill building is planned for creation in September.

My neighbors on the South, - Chance Mining Co., - with
four claims, fully equipped, - have joined in the Mill
agreement. We deliver any ore that will not pay a
profit to ship. The Mill owner splits 50-50 with
us on profit shown and stands all expenses. He
retains ownership of the Mill. I believe my 2000
tons of stockpiled ore will give me at least
\$10 per ton when milled. For past 2 years I
have kept only 2 miners at work. I could use
5 to 10 (or more) as soon as I get the mill.
Chance Mining Co. (J.F. & Edward Rydberg)
have had 5 to 6 on pay roll, but could readily
double that force. Their vertical shaft is 250
feet deep. They ship only the highest grade -
Lead from 16 to 25%, with 6 to 10% silver.
The adjoining mine, - owned by Dr. Larson of
Los Angeles is also shipping lead-silver ore.
Eleven more claims, on the sides of my group
have recently been located.
Bar 3 needs that district for Lead!

My regards, and such strength to your work.

Sincerely,

Spencer Tracy, Pres.

Swisskellin Gold & Silver Co.

cc
Atchafalaya, Swan
Chief, P. G. C.
Manah, El Paso

338 Granada St.
Tucson, Arizona
August 11/50

Mr. Chas. H. Dunning
Director, Dept. Mineral Resources
Phoenix, Ariz., - Fair Grounds

Dear Sir:

While in conference this afternoon with my friend Geologist Solon E. Williams, he asked if I had received a copy of your 3-pp. communication dated July 29, regard mineral being produced, and the plans under consideration to increase the supply. It was of course mighty interesting, and it indicated early and definite action and aid to the smaller mines. Why no copy reached me, I am at a loss to comprehend. I have been stockpiling lead-gold-silver ore for quite a number of months, and refrained from shipping, - in expectation of Government aid, - because of the excessive charges and unfair deductions by the El Paso Smelter with its illegal monopoly on Lead ores from Arizona. A premium was granted me several years ago, but I knew that the El Paso Smelter would "absorb" it.

My mine is in Cochise County, and it has over 3,000 ft. of development work, with the necessary machinery, improvements, etc. I have at least 2,000 tons stockpiled, and I have concluded agreement for erection of a 25-ton mill (dry process) by Mr. Jewell of Tucson.

Yours very truly,
Ben Hency
Pres., Swiss-Italian Gold Silver Company

P.S. Of course, I am a member of the A.S.M.C.A. and I am well acquainted with Mr. Williams. Kindly mail me a copy of said 3 pp. letter (3 pp.) as also a copy of your latest report on production.

August 14, 1950

Mr. Ben Heney
338 Granada Street
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Heney:

We have your letter of August 11th and are enclosing the blanks requested.

Our mailing list for these blanks was, of course, very incomplete as we have not had the field force to keep up with the shippers for the past few years.

We will be glad to have you fill out the blanks and we will put your name in our card file.

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

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