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January 26, 1943

Mr. Mark F. Jones
622 C. C. Chapman Building
Eighth and Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Re: Bennett Mine

Dear Sir:

Confirming our verbal conversation of yesterday morning, I shall be glad to arrange to examine the accessible workings of the Bennett Mine particularly the old shaft and vicinity and to make a report on same and prepare all of the technical data which may be required in order to permit you to make application for a preliminary development loan from the R. F. C.

My charges for these services will be \$250.00 of which I shall ask \$100. in advance and the balance after I have completed my undertaking as above.

In connection with this investigation I understand that you will send me copies of such maps and reports on the Bennett Mine located near Morrystown, Arizona, ^{as an} now in your possession as it will be important to use these or portions of them in connection with the Government application which will be prepared at my office except in respect to legal or financial matters which I understand you will fill in yourself.

As I advised you yesterday, other work will make it impossible for me to visit the property or prepare the data until sometime after the first of February and since you advise me that it will be preferable that I should be accompanied by Mr. Robert J. Bennett when visiting this mine and that he is only at liberty on Sundays I shall tentatively plan to make the physical investigation on Sunday, February 7th if Mr. Bennett can go with me at that time and I should be able to complete the report and data three or four days thereafter.

The preparation of other portions of the application, including data from my own files on this property and from such reports as you may send me will be started immediately after I have received the preliminary fee mentioned above and such documents as you may send me to assist in this work.

I trust that I may be able to be of service in helping you to secure a loan and that the mine will develop in a manner that will be entirely up to your expectations.

Yours very truly,



BENNETT MINE

(Statement by G. M. Colvocoresses)

The gold showing on this property was described by John Slak of Phoenix and A. C. Ashworth, the latter being an Engineer who was formerly with the Inspiration Copper Company and claims to have spent the last two months examining the property and to have taken over 400 samples and assayed them for gold, altho he has no record of these assays nor any assay map (which seems fishy).

Ashworth says that the gold outcrops are located on Ghost Peak and across a gulch from the copper showings. The copper of this peak is rhyolite overlying porphyry and schist and the gold is found in two large quartz ledges and to some extent in the porphyry between them. These are 6/10 of a mile from Bennett's camp and considerably higher. To reach this property go to Hot Springs Junction, then drive 8 miles out on the Hot Springs Road and turn to the right at sign Bennett Mine from which it is 3/4 mile to camp.

The quartz ledges are parallel to the copper veins and are about 18' wide - one of them can be traced for 600', the other for 1000'. Between these ledges there is a big mass of broken up rock, all of which will carry \$5.00 per ton in gold for a width of 300'. There are a number of test pits and short tunnels which are open for sampling.

Across the gulch there is a large block of good mill ore (right on the surface) which Ashworth estimates @ 100,000 tons of \$5.00 value. Water may be obtained from the shaft on the copper showing which makes 5000 to 12000 gals. per day and there is plenty of water running in the gulch a short distance below the outcrops.

Property consists of 12 claims (unpatented) owned by Harry J. Bennett (81 years old) who wants to sell for \$20,000 and Slak says that he could obtain good terms.

Might be worked on a small scale by mining the higher grade veinlets, some of which are 2' - 4' wide and carry \$35.00 or to \$200 per ton. Ashworth says it was never examined by any other engineer

except very casually by a man named Shaw of the U.V.X.

I am very doubtful if this property has any value, considering its location and frequency with which it must have been examined. Values are probably pockety and very low except in spots.

2/19/32

Walter C. Smith took some samples from dump and outcrops which gave low gold values and does not think there is any quantity of gold ore developed. There may be a deposit of low grade copper ore.

10/'37

I subsequently made local inquiries concerning this property and looked over some of the surface. I consider it an unpromising prospect and neither Slak or Ashworth are reliable.

G. M. C.

have always remained a believer.

Yours very truly,

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BENNETT COPPER MINE

Information from Walter Smith, of Phoenix,
December, 1930.

Harry J. Bennett has developed a mine eight miles east of Hot Springs Junction. Has a shaft 300' deep which tends to prove up a large ore body containing \$2.00 per ton in gold and some silver values, and 1.85% copper.

The ore is sulphide and will concentrate.

Claims known as Manhattan and Buffalo Groups.

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Smith says it is no good for gold

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~~Note:~~ ~~doubtful~~ if this property has any value, considering its location and frequency with which it must have been examined. Values are probably pockety and very low except in spots, ~~but might pay to look it over.~~

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Oct. 1937

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March 5, 1932

My dear Mr. Colvo:

Sorry to have delayed answering your letter. I have had a crippled right hand and had expected to be in Phoenix before this.

I do not know what to say about the Bennett Claims. Harry Bennett, the owner, lives in Phoenix, name in the phone directory. He is an old Connecticut resident from Hartford. I know he has spent a great deal of money on the property and has (or I may have) some data and reports by former engineers from the United Verde.

I know that there has been considerable washing of gold from the placers below the Ghost Mountain Claim. Stoll or Braston of the American Metals and I spent a day there about the time I spoke to you about the claims. We sampled the dump vein inside the adit on the Ghost Claim and an outcrop below the adit which looked promising. In this particular outcrop open cut we got no such values as were reported but as the samples all went to El Paso and my returns were unfavorable I gave the claims very little more attention. This, in addition to the fact that Mr. Bennett was at that time tied up with some Louisiana property and some French syndicate who were trying to make a stock-jobbing proposition out of it. From these Mr. Bennett may now be free and if I get to Phoenix next week I will hunt up the data I have.

However I was never much impressed with that particular country east of Hot Springs Junction. I spent quite a little time at the Fairness which adjoins the Bennett Claims on the East--a property which Mr. Simpkins reported on quite favorably but which seems to be quite a *find*.

(Signed) Walter C. Smith

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