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August 25, 1942

Mr. Ed Conway  
Tonto Basin, Arizona

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SUBJECT: Greenback Copper Prospect

Dear Sir:

About two years ago Thomas Russell of Sunflower gave me some data concerning the copper prospect located near Greenback Peak and he now writes me that you are the owner of this property and suggests that I write you directly for information concerning same.

The tremendous need for additional copper and other strategic metals is making it possible to develop and operate a number of mines which did not appear attractive before the war broke out and I have been investigating some of these on behalf of clients who have already started operations in some cases, generally with the help of a Government loan.

Will you please advise me if the Greenback Mine is at present open for negotiations and if so whether you would be willing to consider a usual lease and option on the property provided the preliminary examinations should lead me to wish to make such an arrangement?

Will you also advise me as to the present conditions of the workings and whether or not the 115' shaft and the drift on the 60' level can be examined at present or whether an investigation would have to be entirely confined to surface outcrops and shallow test pits.

If you have any engineers reports or any technical data concerning this property, particularly maps and assays of samples, I would be greatly obliged to have you send copies of these and also any other information which you have in respect to the number of claims and the exact location of same, which I understand is between Greenback Peak and Buck Peak close to Deposit Springs and about one mile from the end of a road which can be negotiated by automobile at present.

Russell informed me that your property had been examined on several occasions by engineers and I hope that some of their reports or letters giving their impressions of the showings may be available.

Yours very truly,

9/23/40

GREENBACK PEAK COPPER PROSPECT (Russell)

Owned in part by Russell, father of Tom Russell of the Golden Rule Mine, and located by him many years ago at elevation 5700' near Deposit Springs and between Greenback Peak and <sup>Bush</sup> Bush Peak in the Mazatzals. Six miles from Conroy's ranch and with a fair road to within a mile or so of the claims.

Surface shows very large outcrops of iron-gossan with copper carbonates and bornite and a little galena. Good gold and silver values in all samples and copper pyrites coming in with depth.

Shaft sunk to depth of 115' with drifting on the 60' level but these workings are now inaccessible.

Said to have been examined by engineers who were favorably impressed by showing but considered location too remote.

Russell thinks that the showing indicates the probable existence of a very large body of medium grade copper ore the value of which would be greatly increased by contents in gold and silver.

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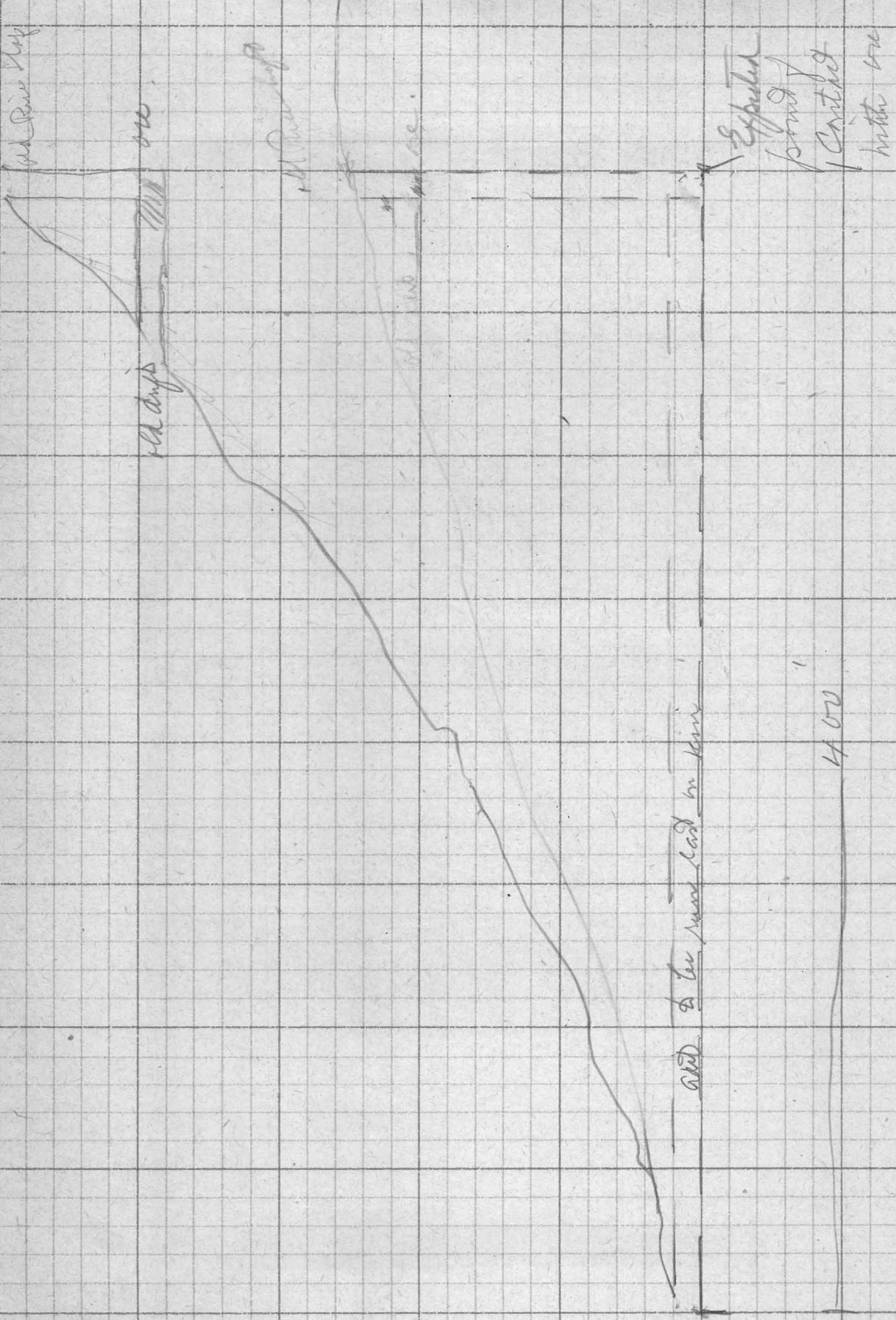
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NOTE FOR MINE FILE

RE: Greenback Peak

September 17, 1947

Rowland Hill, Attorney, Luhrs Tower, called to tell me of development work which he and friends are carrying on at this property.

On surface there are three nearly parallel veins which outcrop for over 400 yards and cross a canyon. The upper vein is about 3' wide and strikes in an easterly direction, the middle vein is about 1,000' to the <sup>north</sup> south and has a width of 4' and the lower vein is about 400' further <sup>north</sup> south and has a width of some 6'. The veins are white quartz and the <sup>country formation</sup> other location is quartzite. Apparently the three veins are tending to converge as they run further east.

All veins show iron and copper ores and on middle vein Hill took some samples which carried 4% copper and 11 ounces in silver with only a trace of gold.

The old shaft 115' deep is entirely caved also the Rice shaft which is 80' deep but there was a little shaft some 16' deep sunk by Russell Sr. in 1900 which does not show any sulphides.

Russell claims that at the bottom of the Rice shaft, some 80' below the surface, there was solid ore and this was also shown in a short adit which was run in from the hill side by the Conways.

The present plan is to run an adit drift <sup>East</sup> along this lower vein which should intersect the showing at the bottom of the shaft at a point some 400' from the portal and 250' below the surface.

At present they are building a road which will be about 8 miles in length and cost about \$4,000 and they will then install equipment, some of which belongs to Tom Russell, and he estimates that the cost of the adit will <sup>be</sup> /about \$6,000.

Hill thinks that the total expense of the present program will be some \$15,000 to \$20,000 and hopes to develop high grade ore in the vein under the old shaft.

Domestic water will be obtained from a spring about one-half mile away but will not run by gravity to the portal of the tunnel.

A geophysical survey made several years ago is reported to have indicated that there is a possibility of a large low grade deposit lying to the east of the present showings and beyond that there is a dike of diorite and a large showing of magnetite on the surface; although all of the iron found in the workings is hematite.

Hill and friends do not propose to determine the possibility of a large low grade ore body at present but may decide to do so at a later time particularly since the geophysical survey indicated a body of ore some 250' below the surface.

This operation should be watched with interest and Hill or Cavett Robert, who is associated with him, will keep me advised of progress from time to time.

*J. M. C.*

% Ord Mercury Mines  
Tonto Basin, Arizona

August 21st, 1942

Mr. G. M. Colvocoresses,  
1102 Luhrs Tower Bldg.,  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Colvocoresses:-

Re: Greenback Copper

I received your letter of August 3rd. It was sent to Payson and then back to Mesa and I finally received it over here. Two other men and my self have a lease on these claims and are mining and milling Quick.

The copper property you have in mind is owned at present by the Conway boys of Greenback. Their PostOffice address is Tonto Basin, Arizona. In order to reach the mine drive to Roosevelt over the Apache Trail, thence to Tonto Basin. The people at the Tonto Basin Store can direct you to Greenback and the Conway Ranch. In case you want to write, address letter to Mr. Ed. Conway. I am pretty sure the property is open at this time.

Since I last saw you my father passed away. He died in May of 1941. Should you decide to come to Tonto Basin over the Bush Highway stop to see us at the Ord Mercury, it is right on the Highway about fifteen miles from Sunflower.

Trusting that you will be able to do something with this property, I am

Very truly yours,

*Golden Rule Mine*

*Tom Russell*

*10 mi north of mesa and Payson Ariz. Fred Hayes*

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